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SUMMARY.

The New York correspondent of the "Times" states that unions representing 100,000 railway men demand 10 per cent. increase in wages.

The men have empowered a committee to call a strike in the event of the demand being rejected.

The "Daily Mail" has interviewed Sir Albert Spicer on his return from the Commerce Congress at Sydney.

Sir Albert said that British trade was holding its own in the main.

Certain branches, he remarked, were a little slow in adapting themselves to the requirements of a new country.

An exhibition of the works of living colonial artists is being organised in connection with the Festival of Empire.

Fernandez, an aviator, was killed at Nice by the collapse of his airship.

Bishop Thornton, formerly of Ballarat, is resigning the assistant bishopric of Manchester.

Mr. Churchill at Southport said the whole movement of the world was against the intrusion of the Lords into legislation.

The Council of the Free Churches urges 2000 local councils to take action for the abolition of the veto of the Lords.

The captains of first-class cricket counties have expressed regret that a section of the press was exploiting cricket in an unworthy manner.

Mr. C. B. Fry, at the Authors' Club, said it was no disgrace to be beaten by the Australians.

The Czarina is suffering from nervous breakdown and hypochondria of long standing. Her condition is serious.

The doctors have recommended King Alfonso of Spain to undergo an operation for his throat and ear.

The Rev. Gerald Sharp, vicar of Whitkirk, Yorkshire, has been appointed Bishop of New Guinea.

The steamer Ellan Vannin, 380 tons, which foundered on the Mersey bar, was swamped by an enormous sea, and sank instantly.

None of those on board were saved, many being drowned in their berths.

The late Princess Waldemar of Denmark was generally considered the cleverest woman in Royal circles.

The newspapers refer to the active part she took in promoting improved relations between Russia, France, and Great Britain.

The death is announced of Mr. Felix Thornley Cobbold, M.P. for Ipswich.

The Strike Congress sat yesterday. Mr. M'Williams taking Mr. Bowling's place as one of the northern delegates.

The congress considered the arrests and the compulsory board, but no decision was arrived at in regard to either.

Mr. Hughes says the general position has not improved.

In a few days the coal famine, he remarks, will reach a stage at which the public won't be able to endure it.

Mr. Justice Isaacs has decided that, in the present circumstances, the law does not authorise his intervention.

In the Assembly the Acting Premier said the Government would to-day invite the mineowners and the miners to resume work.

If that invitation were not responded to, and the owners were prepared to open their mines, the men employed would be guaranteed protection.

In the Senate Senator Delargie moved the adjournment to call attention to the serious position of the coal strike.

It was contended that the Commonwealth Government should intervene.

Senator Millen said that at present the Government had no status whatever in the dispute.

Messrs. Bowling, Burns, and Brennan were again before the Newcastle Police Court yesterday, when the police applied for a remand to Sydney.

The Bench declined to grant the application, and the case was adjourned until Monday next.

Amram Lewis appeared at the Gunnedah Police Court, but the hearing was adjourned until to-day, owing to the non-arrival of the warrant.

The output of the miners' mines yesterday was 1200 tons. All the coal was taken delivery of by the Railway Department.

Mr. Hughes said last night that the miners' mines were going to close, owing to the price offered by the Railway Department.

Several applications from colliery managers for the suspension of labour conditions in northern mines have been granted.

Out of a total of about 2000 wharf-labourers on the union books, 1600 were at work on the different wharfs yesterday.

The coal-lumpers are practically idle, their decision not to unload the Palermo leaving them little to do.

It is stated that the Railway Commissioners are taking all the coal produced at the Exeter mine.

The city electric lighting is assured until January 20. The lamps will not be switched on until 7 p.m., instead of 6.

Since the running of the trains has been curtailed, produce is blocked, and prices are expected to advance.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. Hutchison, M.P., took place in Melbourne yesterday, service being held in the Queen's Hall at Federal Parliament House.

Both Houses adjourned from 1 o'clock until the usual evening hour as a mark of respect.

The House of Representatives made record progress yesterday with the Estimates. The Appropriation Bill was sent on to the Senate.

Lord Chelmsford presented long-service medals to members of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in the Domain yesterday.

The Labour party in the City Council discussed whether the party would nominate a candidate for the Lord Mayoralty.

No decision was come to, and the meeting was adjourned.

Shearing in the Bourke district has practically finished, and the clip is reported to be a good one.

Dr. Howard Bullock, the Rhodes scholar for 1909, leaves Sydney for Oxford on Saturday by the Miltiades.

The Public Works Committee took further evidence yesterday on the proposed tramway from Bomaderry to Jervis Bay.

Mr. F. Morton, M.L.A., supported the proposal, but thought it would be better to construct a railway.

The second reading of the Factories and Shops Act Amendment Bill was agreed to by the Victorian Assembly.

The bill enlarges the scope and powers placed in the hands of wages boards.

The Victorian oat harvest is estimated at 10,444,000 bushels, a decrease of 680,940 bushels as compared with last year.

Three lads concerned in the recent strike at a biscuit factory were proceeded against in the Industrial Court.

An adjournment until Friday was granted in order to secure counsel for the defendants.

The Government Bacteriologist in South Australia claims to have discovered the cause of the disease known as Dry Bible.

The disease is responsible for the annual loss of many thousand pounds' worth of cattle in South Australia alone.

The Parliamentary session in New Zealand is to be closed on the 22nd instant.

In the Legislative Council the Seat of Government Surrender Bill was read the third time.

The second reading of the Defamation (Amendment) Bill was agreed to, and the bill was taken into committee.

H.M.S. Powerful sailed yesterday for Colombo to be recommissioned.

The Kitchener camp will be held at Liverpool from January [illegible].

Though silver shares were not quite so inactive as copper yesterday, the business recorded showed weakness in some Barrier stocks. Gold and tin shares were quiet.

Weather Forecast.—Generally fine, but a tendency for cloud areas, and later coastal showers. Southerly to south-easterly winds.

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For WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN, BLUFF, HOBART, and MELBOURNE (transhipping to outports)—
WARRIMOO, SATURDAY, December 11, 6 p.m.
MANUKA (Twin Screw), SATURDAY, December 18.
MOERAKI (twin screw), SATURDAY, January 1.

TASMANIA.

For HOBART DIRECT—
WESTRALIA, FRIDAY, December 17, 6 p.m.
From HOBART—
WESTRALIA, December 11, 21.
For EDEN, LAUNCESTON, DEVONPORT, BURNIE—
WAKATIPU, THIS DAY, Wed., December 8, 10 a.m., FROM MARGARET-STREET; Dec. 22.
From LAUNCESTON (via Devonport and Burnie)—
WAKATIPU, WED., December 15, 29.
For STRAHAN (Regatta Pt., Queenstown, Zeehan)—
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For TONGA, SAMOA, FIJI, and SYDNEY—
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For FIJI DIRECT (Suva, etc.), from Auckland—
NAVUA (Twin Screw), WED., December 22.

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For BURNIE and DEVONPORT—
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WYREEMA (New Steamer, Twin screw, 6500 Tons), TUESDAY, 5 p.m., December 14.
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WYREEMA (new steamer, twin screw, 6500 tons), TUESDAY, 5 p.m., December 14.
WODONGA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., December 21.
WYANDRA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., December 28.
ARAWATTA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., January 4.

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MOIRA (cargo only), SATURDAY, noon, December 11. (Transhipping at Brisbane.)

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† WYANDRA	21	A.U.S.N. Co., Ltd.
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KANOWNA	24	Adelaide S.S. Co., Ltd.
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† GRANTALA	31	Adelaide S.S. Co., Ltd.
† BOMBALA	31	Howard Smith Company, Ltd.
RIVERINA	31	Huddart, Parker, and Co. Pty., Ltd.
	Jan.	
† WYREEMA	4	A.U.S.N. Co., Ltd.
† YONGALA	7	Adelaide S.S. Co., Ltd.
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FOR QUEENSLAND PORTS.

	Dec.	
BOMBALA	18	Howard Smith Co., Ltd.
YONGALA	18	Adelaide S.S. Co., Ltd.
WODONGA	21	A.U.S.N. Co., Ltd.
INNAMINCKA	24	Adelaide S.S. Co.
PEREGRINE	24	Howard Smith Co., Ltd.
WYANDRA	28	A.U.S.N. Co., Ltd.
COOMA	31	Howard Smith Co., Ltd.
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6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	8.30	8.30
7.0	7.10	7.0	7.10	9.30	9.15
7.20	7.45	7.20	7.45	10.0	10.15
8.0	8.15	8.0	8.15	10.30	10.45
8.30	8.45	8.30	8.45	11.0	11.30
9.30	9.15	9.30	9.15	11.30	12.0
10.0	10.15	10.0	10.15	12.0	12.30
11.0	10.45	11.0	10.45	12.30	1.0
12.0	11.45	12.0	11.45	1.15	1.30
1.0	12.45	12.30	12.45	2.0	2.0
2.0	1.45	1.0	1.15	2.30	2.45
3.0	2.45	1.30	1.45	2.45	3.15
4.0	4.0	2.0	2.15	3.0	3.30
4.45	5.0	2.30	2.45	3.15	4.0
5.15	5.30	3.0	3.15	3.30	4.15
5.45	6.0	3.30	3.45	4.0	4.45
6.20	6.30	4.0	4.15	4.15	5.0
7.30	7.0	4.30	5.0	4.45	5.15
8.30	8.15	5.15	5.30	5.0	5.30
9.30	9.15	5.45	6.0	5.30	5.45
10.30	10.15	6.20	6.30	5.45	6.15
11.30	11.5	7.0	7.0	6.0	6.45
		7.30	7.45	6.30	7.0
		8.0	8.15	7.0	7.15
		8.30	8.45	7.15	7.45
		9.30	9.15	7.30	8.0
		10.30	10.15	7.45	8.30
		11.30	11.5	8.0	8.45
				8.30	9.0
				9.0	9.30
				9.30	9.45
				10.15	10.15

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

Public Service Board,
4 O'Connell-street, Sydney,
7th December, 1909.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following POSITIONS, and should be made on a form for the purpose, obtainable at the Office of the Board, or from Clerks of Petty Sessions in country districts, and must reach the undersigned not later than the dates specified:—

MONDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 1909.
SURVEY DRAFTSMAN (temporarily) required in Forestry Branch, Department of Agriculture. Pay will be up to £175 per annum, according to the competency and experience of the Draftsman appointed.

MONDAY, 20th DECEMBER, 1909.
JUNIOR ASSISTANT (temporary) in connection with Experiment Plots, Department of Agriculture. Pay will be at the rate of £100 per annum. Applicants should have had both theoretical and practical training in agriculture.

By order of the Board.
(9a-80) R. A. GILFILLAN, Secretary.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Department of Home Affairs,
Melbourne, 25th November, 1909.

TENDERS will be received until twelve o'clock on MONDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 1909, for MAKING RESERVOIR AND ROADS, and EXCAVATING, FILLING, AND PREPARING SITE FOR BUILDINGS FOR SMALL ARMS FACTORY AT LITHGOW, N.S.W.

Drawings and specifications may be seen at the Post-offices, Lithgow and Bathurst, and the Works Director's Office, Customs-house, Sydney. Tenders to be endorsed as above, and addressed (if by post, prepaid) to the Works Director, Sydney.

DAVID MILLER,
Secretary for Home Affairs.

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Department of Home Affairs,
Melbourne, 25th November, 1909.

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TENDERS FOR BLANKETS, TENTS, AND WATERPROOF SHEETS.

TENDERS for the Manufacture and Supply of Blankets, Tents, and Waterproof Sheets will be received by the Secretary, Department of Defence, up to 4 p.m. on 12th JANUARY, 1910.

Forms of Tender and Conditions of Contract may be obtained, and Sealed Patterns seen, at the office of the Senior Ordnance Officer—New South Wales: Ordnance Department, George-street, Circular Quay, Sydney. Victoria: Ordnance Department, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne. Queensland: Ordnance Department, Petrie-terrace, Brisbane. South Australia: Ordnance Department, Adelaide. Western Australia: Ordnance Department, Perth. Tasmania: Ordnance Department, Hobart.

S. A. PETHEBRIDGE,
Acting Secretary, Department of Defence.

Postmaster-General's Department,
6th December, 1909.

TENDERS will be received by the Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, up to 2 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 9th MARCH, 1910, for the Supply and Delivery at the Departmental Stores, Sydney, of SWITCHBOARDS, MAGNETO for Metallic Lines, and Switchboards for private Branch Exchanges for Common Battery Working.

For further particulars see "Commonwealth Gazette" of the 4th instant.

JOHN QUICK, Postmaster-General.

BUILDING MATERIAL.
(Continued from Page 4.)

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LEGAL NOTICES.

Central Police Court, Sydney,
December 6, 1909.
THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the Metropolitan Licensing Court will be holden at the CENTRAL POLICE COURT, SYDNEY, at 2 p.m. on THURSDAY, the twentieth day of JANUARY, 1910.
ARTHUR BLIX,
Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions and Chamber Magistrate.
(4d-172)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
Matrimonial Causes Jurisdiction.—No. 7071.
Between MARY ELLEN CURRY, Petitioner,
and
WILLIAM ROBERT CURRY, Respondent.
To WILLIAM ROBERT CURRY,
late of Clifton, formerly of Dudley.
TAKE NOTICE that the said MARY ELLEN CURRY has commenced a Suit against you in this Honourable Court, and is applying for a Divorce on the grounds of—
1. Your having, without just cause or excuse, wilfully deserted her, and without any such cause or excuse left her continuously so deserted during three years and upwards.
2. That you during three years and upwards have been an habitual drunkard, and have habitually left her without the means of support.
3. That you during three years and upwards have been an habitual drunkard, and have habitually been guilty of cruelty towards her.
AND TAKE NOTICE that you are required to enter an appearance to the said Suit at the proper office of this Honourable Court on or before the thirty-first day of January, 1910; and in the event of your not doing so within the time limited, or obtaining further time, the Petitioner will proceed, and the Suit be heard and determined your absence notwithstanding. A Copy of the Petition filed herein may be had on application to the undersigned free of charge.
Dated this 26th day of November, 1909.
ROBERT WILLIAM FRASER,
Solicitor for the Petitioner,
Post Office-chambers, 114A Pitt-street, Sydney.
For the Registrar:
(Signed) JOHN GEO. LEARY (L.S.), Chief Clerk.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of BRIDGET RYAN, late of Corben-street, Surry Hills, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the above Estate have been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the twentieth day of January, 1910, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law; and notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said accounts by the Court, commission will be applied for on behalf of the said Executors. Dated this seventh day of December, in the year 1909. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. MURPHY and MOLONEY, Proctors for Executors, 99 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction (No. 45080).—In the Estate of SIMON ISAAC, late of Booral, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased, intestate.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the 15th day of January next, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 6th day of December, 1909. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. G. W. COLLINS, Proctor for the Administrator, Stroud. By his Agent, WILLIAM SYMONS GRAY, 118 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ALFONSO WILLIAM JOHNSON, late of Port Chalmers, in the Provincial District of Otago, in the Dominion of New Zealand, Shipchandler, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HENRY WILLIAM YOUNGER DEANE, the duly appointed Attorney by Deed of VIDA BLANCHE JOHNSON, BERTHA MARY GRANT, EDITH MONICA JOHNSON, EDGAR NORMAN JOHNSON, ROSETTA EVA HUGHES, CLAUDE HAROLD JOHNSON, and OLIVE ZEALANDIA DREW, the only children of the said deceased and of his wife, the late MARY JANE JOHNSON, deceased; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned, to whom all claims against the Estate of the said deceased should be sent within the said fourteen days. DEANE and DEANE, Proctors for the Applicant, 33 Rowe-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of MARY JANE JOHNSON, late of Lismore, in the State of New South Wales, the Wife of the late ALFONSO WILLIAM JOHNSON, of Port Chalmers, in the Provincial District of Otago, in the Dominion of New Zealand, Shipchandler, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HENRY WILLIAM YOUNGER DEANE, the duly appointed Attorney by Deed of VIDA BLANCHE JOHNSON, BERTHA MARY GRANT, EDITH MONICA JOHNSON, EDGAR NORMAN JOHNSON, ROSETTA EVA HUGHES, CLAUDE HAROLD JOHNSON, and OLIVE ZEALANDIA DREW, the only children of the said deceased and of the said Alfonso William Johnson, her husband; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned, to whom all claims against the Estate of the said deceased should be sent within the said fourteen days. DEANE and DEANE, Proctors for the Applicant, 33 Rowe-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of DANIEL WILSON, late of Number 31 Ivan-street, North Fitzroy, in the State of Victoria, Retired Commercial Traveller, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Exemplification of the Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased, granted by the Supreme Court of Victoria, in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the 24th day of November, 1909, to ELIZA MARY BARNARD, the Executrix named in the said Will, may be sealed with the Seal of this Court; and all creditors and other persons having any claims upon the Estate of the said deceased are requested to send in particulars thereof within the time mentioned to, and all notices may be served upon, the undersigned HENRY SALWEY, Proctor for the Executrix, 24 Moore-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of GUNDAH SING, late of Moulamein, in the State of New South Wales, Storekeeper, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to CHESTER ASTON EAGLE, of Barnam, in the said State, Grazier, and WILLIAM CLEMENTS, of Barham aforesaid, Bookkeeper, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned; and all persons having any claims against the said Estate are hereby requested to send in particulars thereof to the undersigned within the said period of fourteen days. J. A. NATHAN, Proctor for the Executors, Moama. Sydney Agent, J. W. MAUND, 3 Castlereagh-street.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM HUGHES, late of Newcastle, in the State of New South Wales, Tea Merchant, deceased, intestate.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Administrator's Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Queen's-square, King-street, Sydney; and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my office on or before the eighteenth day of January, 1910, at half-past eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and, if they shall think fit, object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me, and passed according to law. Dated this sixth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. MINTER, SIMPSON, and CO., Solicitors, Bolton-street, Newcastle.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM CHARLES HAWKINS, late of Newcastle, in the State of New South Wales, Master Carrier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to SAMUEL SYDNEY COHEN (therein called S. S. COHEN) and JOHN RICHARD HALL (therein called J. R. HALL), the Executors named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned; and all creditors, if any, are requested to send particulars of their claims to the undersigned within such fourteen days. BRAYE and COHEN, Proctors for the Executors, Bolton-street, Newcastle. By their Agents, ASHER, OLD, and JONES, 17 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of THOMAS HART, late of Newtown, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Freeholder, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration, cum testamento annexo de bonis non, in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARY MARES, of Mosman, near Sydney aforesaid, Married Woman, niece of the said deceased, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom creditors are requested to send particulars of their claims within the time above mentioned. KERSHAW, MATTHEWS, and LANE, Proctors for Applicant, 72B King-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOHN BRAND HOLLOWAY, late of Arding, near Armidale, in the State of New South Wales, Labourer, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HENRY EDWARD HOLLOWAY, of Arding aforesaid, Farmer, the Father of the said deceased. Creditors are requested to send their accounts to, and all notices may be served at the office of, the undersigned. Dated this fourth day of December, 1909. H. WEAVER, Proctor, Armidale. By A. W. E. WEAVER, Australasia-chambers, Martin-place, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of GEORGE AUSTRALIA THOMAS, late of Casino, in the State of New South Wales, Bank Manager, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ELIZA JANE THOMAS, the Executrix named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at and all Accounts against the deceased may be sent to the undersigned. PARKER and KISSANE, Proctors for the Applicant, Casino. By their Agents, ROBSON and COWLISHAW, Solicitors, 164 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of SAMUEL TRIGG, late of Woodview, near Casino, in the State of New South Wales, Dairy Farmer, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ANN TRIGG, the Widow of the said deceased; and all persons having any claims against the said Estate are requested to send to the undersigned, where all notices may be served. PARKER and KISSANE, Proctors for the Applicant, Casino. By their Agents, ROBSON and COWLISHAW, Solicitors, 164 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JAMES HART, late of Bent-street, North Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Builder, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to DAVID WILLIAM SOLOMONS, of North Sydney, Auctioneer, the Sole Executor named in the said Will; and all notices and claims against the Estate may be served at the office of the undersigned. ALBERT HENRY GRACE, Proctor for Executor, 58 Walker-street, North Sydney.

CROWN LANDS ACTS, second edition, 1909, by BRIERLY and IRISH, embodying "Acock's Settler's Synopsis." Price 7s 6d; postage 6d. The Law Book Co., Ltd., 72 Castlereagh-st, Sydney.

LEGAL.—Several Pracs. for transfer, have good openings to recommend. Loxton, 16 O'Connell-st.

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TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), AT 2.30 P.M.
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DISHES.
Lecturess: Miss F. B. SWAYNE.
Admission FREE. Afternoon Tea provided.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT, 1908.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRADE UNION.
TAKE NOTICE that the "Federated Flint Workers and Glass Founders' Association," Trade Union, did, on the seventh day of December, 1909, make application to the Industrial Registrar to be registered under the "Industrial Disputes Act, 1908," and that any objection to such registration, on the ground that another Trade Union to which the members of the said applicant Trade Union might conveniently belong, has already been registered under the said Act, shall be lodged with the Industrial Registrar in the prescribed form within two weeks from the date of the making of the application abovementioned.
G. C. ADDISON,
Industrial Registrar.
Sydney, 8th December, 1909. (4A-19)

TO THE ELECTORS OF DENISON WARD.
LADIES and GENTLEMEN,—
I desire to tender my sincere thanks to you for again returning me as one of your Municipal Representatives.
With respect to the numerously-signed petition which appeared in this morning's dailies, asking me to reconsider my determination to resign my seat as a City Alderman, I beg to inform you that, after mature consideration, I have decided to accede to your wishes, and assure you that I will serve you as faithfully and honourably in the future as I have done in the past.
Obediently yours,
JOHN HARRIS.
Bulwarra, Jones-street, Ultimo.
Sydney, Dec. 7th, 1909.

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THE STATE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
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Promissory Notes must be produced for endorsement.
FREDERICK J. SMITH and JOHNSON,
Incorporated Accountants,
7 Moore-street.
Sydney, 7th December, 1909.

SHIRE OF HORNSBY.
To AUGUSTO C. LORENZINI, owner and occupier of premises situate on road known as New Line-road, from Pennant Hills to Dural.
You are hereby notified and required to remove the Obstruction and Encroachment, to wit, a Fence, caused by you to be placed on a public road known as the New Line-road, within the Shire of Hornsby, within SIXTY (60) DAYS from date hereof, in accordance with Section 82 of the Local Government Act, 1906, and Shire Ordinance No. 29, Clause 36.
Dated this eighth day of December, 1909.
W. W. KING,
Council-chambers, Hornsby. Shire Clerk.

THE AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Registers for Inscribed Deposit Stock and "B" Fixed Deposits will be Closed against Transfers from 10th to 21st instant, both days inclusive.
By order of the Board.
A. P. STEWART,
General Manager.
Head Office, Sydney, 3rd Dec., 1909.

MITTAGONG LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.—Mr. W. C. WATT has given the requisite notice of his Candidature for re-election as a Director of the above Company at the Annual Meeting, to be held on 16th December, 1909, at 3 p.m.
D. H. GILFILLAN, Manager.

ALL OWNERS OF GOODS, ARTICLES, etc., left in my charge must please note that same must be REMOVED from my premises on or before the 15th inst., otherwise I shall not be responsible for them.
(Signed) S. A. HINTON,
129-131 Macquarie-street, Sydney.

I, B. P. DUKE, will not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted in my name from this date without my written authority.

THE BOAT WHITE WINGS will be sold to pay expenses on the 18th day of December, unless previously redeemed.
H. C. PRITCHARD, Leichhardt.

REWARD.—Miss HOOPER, Hunter's Hill, will be grateful for information as to the Launch which damaged her Swimming Baths on Monday, December 6.

PUBLIC Notice.—I will not be responsible for any Debts contracted my name from date. S. Goldstein.

BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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MEETINGS.

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The Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Mercantile Mutual-chambers, 118 Pitt-street, (third floor), Sydney, on THURSDAY, 9th December, 1909, at 12 noon.

BUSINESS:
To receive Directors' Report and Balance-sheet.
To declare a Dividend.
To elect two Directors in lieu of Messrs. G. Dyson and J. T. Lawler, who retire, but are eligible for re-election.
To elect Auditors.
And to transact any other business that may be brought before the meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Candidates for the office of Director must give seven clear days' notice in writing.

W. J. DOUGLAS, Manager.

The Shareholders' Register will be CLOSED from November 25 to December 9th, both days inclusive.

15th November, 1909.

THE CHILD STUDY ASSOCIATION.—A Reception and Presentation will be given to Dr. ALAN CARROLL at 8 p.m. TO-DAY, at Baumann's Cafe, Pitt-street. All who are interested in Dr. Carroll's work amongst children are cordially invited. Tickets of Admission at the Door, and at 289 Pitt-street.

TO-DAY.—FOR MEN ONLY.
Midday MEETING at Y.M.C.A.,
1.15 to 1.45 p.m. sharp.
Mr. G. T. WALDEN, M.A., Speaks.
Subject: "Christ's Sympathy with Failure."
All Men Invited.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.—First Church of Christ, Scientist.—The Usual Wednesday MEETING held at Needs' Masonic Hall, North Sydney, WILL NOT BE HELD TO-NIGHT.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

MUNICIPALITY OF ASHFIELD.
ANNUAL APPEAL COURT.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Appeal Court, commenced on the [illegible] day of April, 1909, and adjourned to the [illegible], has been FURTHER ADJOURNED to the 17th DECEMBER, 1909, at the Court House, Town Hall, Ashfield, commencing at 10 a.m.

By order.
G. EDMUND SPARK,
Town Clerk of Ashfield.
Council's Office, Town Hall,
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TENDERS will be received by the undersigned for:—

(a) The SUPPLY of MATERIALS and the ERECTION of a DESTRUCTOR at PYRMONT, until 3 o'clock p.m. on THURSDAY, 9th December, 1909.

Tenders must be in accordance with specification, plans, etc., which may be seen on application at the office of the City Surveyor, Town Hall, Sydney, and a copy obtained upon payment of the sum of one guinea (£1 1s) into the City Treasury by way of deposit, which amount will be returned only upon receipt of a bona fide tender.

(b) The SUPPLY and DELIVERY of A. C. SUB-STATION EQUIPMENT until 3 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, 7th February, 1910.

(c) The SUPPLY and DELIVERY of FLAME ARC LAMPS until 3 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, 10th January, 1910.

Tenders for (b) and (c) must be in accordance with specification, drawings, etc., which may be seen on application at the office of the City Electrical Engineer, Queen Victoria Markets, Sydney.

The lowest or any tender in respect of (a), (b), and (c) not necessarily accepted.

Tenderers please note that they MUST pay their cash deposit into the City Treasury, otherwise their tenders will be informal.

THOMAS H. NESBITT,
Town Clerk.
Town Hall,
Sydney, 3rd December, 1909.

MUNICIPALITY OF ERSKINEVILLE.
TENDERS will be received up to 7.30 p.m., MONDAY, 13th inst., for the Removal of Garbage and the Cleansing of Street Gutters and Gully Shafts. Specifications may be seen and all other information obtained upon application to the undersigned.
A. F. DEBOROUGH,
Town Clerk.
Council-chambers, Erskineville,
Dec. 4th, 1909.

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SEALED TENDERS for the undermentioned SUPPLIES for the year 1910 are hereby invited and will be received up to 9 a.m. on MONDAY, 13th December:—
1. Butcher's Meat; 2, Bread and Flour; 3, Groceries; 4, Milk; 5, Potatoes; 6, Coal and Wood; 7, Boots and Shoes; 8, Repairing Boots.
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CHAS. H. HELSHAM,
Secretary.

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FISH, ICE
CONDENSATED MILK
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TENDERS.

Department of Public Works,
Sydney, 7th December, 1909.
TENDERS will be received at this office up till 2 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, 20th instant, for the PURCHASE and REMOVAL of a CORNISH-TYPE BOILER, about 8 feet long by about 3 feet 9 inches diameter. Boiler may be seen at the Hill Branch, Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville.
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L. McCLELLAND,
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THE
GIRL WITH THE RED HAIR.

A STORY OF AN UNDERGRADUATE, RELATED BY ONE OF HIS SET, AND EDITED BY MAX PEMBERTON.

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CHAPTER XVI.—Continued.

Let me say at once that I had expected something of this sort, and that expectation implied no particular cleverness upon my part. Women will go far in certain moods, far beyond their own fears, and nearer to dictates of temper than a man would dare. Let the stress be great enough, and the kindest of them will become as the most cruel, the gentlest as the actually criminal. I have not the slightest doubt that in her normal mood Mona would just as soon have handled a snake as a pistol, but here she was, driven half mad by the wrongs which destiny had inflicted upon her, utterly unable to understand her husband's acts, and set against the whole world by what she would have called its injustice. In such a state it is plain that anything might have happened, tragedy or farce, the sudden deed for which life itself could not atone or the hysterical revulsion which might be equally dangerous. And I must take the whole responsibility upon my own shoulders. I could ask no other to share that dread secret. I knew that I must act alone, and act instantly, for the sake of a man who was my friend, and of a woman I had worshipped.

Well, I took a step toward the window, and uttered her name in a low tone. Overwhelming discovery might be more dangerous than hesitation, and I chose the middle way, giving her a moment for reflection, but none for refusal. When she had started up from the chair with a face as white as the moonbeams in the garden, I called her name for a second time, and then immediately entered the room, but not so quickly that she had not snatched the pistol up and hidden it from me. A madman would have told her that he had seen it. I am glad that I had too much common sense for that.

"Mona," I said. "The gate was locked, and so I——"

She swayed to and fro, I feared she would fall, but she recovered herself immediately and interrupted me in a hard voice.

"Why have you come back?"

"You know very well why I have come back."

"I know nothing. You had no right to come. What is your concern with me?"

"Not with you at all, but with my friend Erik."

"Oh, oh, how these men love one another. And brave. There must be two to coerce a woman."

"Coerce! Have you forgotten what you said to me here not a couple of hours ago, Mona?"

"Why remember it. Is there anything in yesterday that is ever worth remembering? Do you wish to see Erik at once?"

"Not now that I have seen you. There has been an awful misunderstanding, I have come back to put it straight."

She laughed loudly.

"Oh, this good little peacemaker, this sweet child in bibs. What an excellent girl you would have made, Mr. Corder; what a charming young lady for a boarding school."

"Mona," said I, "you may think differently some day. I shall go and see Erik now."

"There is no need; he is coming down. Listen to that; is it not the footstep of a man who is weary? He is tired, Mr. Corder, tired of me. Oh, tell me so, tell me honestly, Erik is tired."

I was about to answer, I know not what, when the door opened almost violently, and Erik entered the room. He wore a dressing-gown, and carried a brass candlestick in his hand. I thought him frightfully pale, and his face was just like that of a man who had been tortured by hours of pain.

"Is it not time," he began, and then, seeing me, broke off abruptly, and looked from one to the other wonderingly.

"What are you doing here, Samuel?"

"Oh," said I, as though it were casually observed, "I am trying to tell the truth, Erik."

"The truth about what?"

"About Mona."

He looked across at her, and his face darkened.

"I think we have had enough of the truth to-night."

"You have not had a word of it; neither the one nor the other."

"I differ from you. This is no place to discuss it."

"Agreed, agreed," cried Mona. "We differ from you, and so we are taking the first train to Sweden, to our betrothed, Sammy. Did you know that Erik was betrothed? Well, there's news for you. And he is to be married in the first week of September. She'll wear orange blossoms and the family diamonds. I am going as a bridesmaid, poor little me, who have done this thing."

I kept as calm as I could, and stepped deliberately in between them. The situation was dangerous beyond all words. I believe she would have shot him for a look, while he, well, God knows what he must have suffered.

"Be sensible, Mona," I said. "Erik has not the slightest intention of going to Sweden, not at any rate when he knows the truth."

"I know it already, Sammy, I have heard it too often."

"The whole truth and nothing but the truth, he's heard it every day, Mr. Corder, from every busybody who would talk about his wife."

He shuddered at this. I knew it was a cruel accusation.

"You are two children in a temper," said I quietly. "The shadows that you quarrel about are created by yourselves. I am going to prove as much."

"Oh, prove it, prove it; Erik is all for proof. I've heard it a hundred times to-night; 'prove that Allot was not your friend.' And he was, Mr. Samuel, there's the humour of it; he was."

"Your father's friend," I said quietly.

Erik looked up quickly at this, Mona did not flinch.

"Yes, my father's friend, what then?"

"When you admitted the truth of the story he told about you, it was of your father's life, not of your own that you were speaking."

She seemed perplexed. Erik had drawn a step nearer; his eyes were on fire.

"What story of her father's life, what do you speak of, Samuel?"

"Of a monstrous misunderstanding. When she told you that Allot's tale was true, she believed you knew the truth; but you never did. The lie was unknown to her, how could it have been otherwise?"

"The lie, what lie?" it was her turn now, and she asked the question in a voice that rang with passion. "Of what lie are you speaking, Mr. Samuel?"

I blurted it out. I did not dare to do otherwise, for that was the moment when all should be lost or all won in one instant of truth.

"The lie that you lived with Allot."

She uttered a cry as a child that is hurt, and turned from us weeping.

Erik, however, staggered toward me and put both his hands upon my shoulders.

"Then there was another story, another, Sammy?"

"Of course there was, and that was the story she believed Allot had told you. It concern's her father's life, Erik."

But he did not hear me, for crying, "My God, my God!" he fell headlong almost at her feet.

CHAPTER XVII.
PRISONERS.

It would have been on the fifth day after the strange events at Great Shelford that Erik and I left London for Stockholm, and just three days later that we hired a yacht to carry us on to Boda.

The purpose of our hurried visit was no light one. We had left England to brave the "family," to tell the story of my friend's marriage, and to take the consequences of that admission. This had been my advice from the beginning, and it was the advice also of the shrewd diplomatist, Arthur Catt. "Let your people know," Catt had said; and to my wonder Erik listened to him patiently. All his scruples, even his fears, appeared to have vanished with that amazing misunderstanding which came near to wrecking his life. He had but one purpose now, to claim Mona, whatever the cost.

Such then was the business which took us out of England, upon a mission whose issue meant so much, not only to my friend, but to the brave woman he had made his wife. We were going to Boda to measure swords with that master of the subtleties, Ola Johansson, and with that German cub of a brother I had detested from the beginning. To take Mona with us at such a time would have been madness. Even Catt admitted the wisdom of her remaining in England. Catt to whom women were anathema, and young women the allies of Satan.

Let me say at once that we did not underrate either the difficulties or the dangers of this original errand. Walking with Erik in the old court the night before our departure, I heard from him a full statement of his intentions, and could not but approve them. He was about to surrender his birthright, to deliver his heritage to another, and to forget that Boda had called him lord and master. No less a sacrifice would satisfy the ambitions of his mother or the rapacity of Ola Johansson. He must become as one dead, quit Sweden for ever, and live henceforth upon such an allowance as charity might win from the holocaust. And this he was willing to do for Mona's sake, he, who would have left her yesterday because of the lie.

Oh, has not Ainsworth truly declared that a man's wife is the last person he comes to understand.

We had said "Good-bye" to Mona on the Friday morning—I can see her now, a painter's idyll in an old-world garden—and promising her that 15 days should bring us back again, we had gone straight through to Newcastle, whence we sailed for Stockholm. Now, for the first time, Erik's buoyant optimism began to give place to a settled gloom, as though the shadows of the northern lands lay heavy upon him, and doubt waxed with every knot we steamed. Again and again he would ask me if I thought he had done well to leave Mona, and when I answered invariably that no other course had been possible, he would turn to speak of Madame Calmar, and the doctor, and always with foreboding as one who understood how distant the gate of his happiness lay.

"Of course my mother will be in a dreadful state, Sammy," he would say. "It is the prerogative of good women to dislike other good women, especially when their sons would marry them. But I don't mind her. It is Johansson of whom I am thinking."

"And why of him?" I asked. "Are you really afraid of that man, Erik?"

"Oh," he cried almost impatiently. "I don't know, Sammy, upon my word and honour I don't know. Three months ago I would have told you that I did not fear anything in heaven or hell, but I am becoming a coward, a damnable coward, and to-day I don't know what to say."

"Let Mona teach you," said I quietly. "You could not have a better mistress."

(To be continued.)

ROYAL WEDDING IN TONGA.

BRIDE IN EMPIRE GOWN.

NUKUALOFA, Nov. 30.

On the morning of the 11th inst., amidst the rejoicings of his subjects, his Majesty King George Tubou II. of Tonga was married to Princess Ana Seine Takibo.

In the beginning of the month the King announced that his choice had fallen upon Ana Seine Takibo, a girl of high rank. The decision of his Majesty proved most acceptable to the nobles. The populace received the royal wish in good spirit, and there was much rejoicing. The natives had been quietly preparing for the event for some considerable time past. Parties were to be observed daily carrying bundles of all descriptions. Their rendezvous was either the palace or to the residence of the Queen-elect. As they journeyed on their way they chanted a gleeful measure, and parties of women were preceded by a quartette of dancing girls performing the most weird evolutions, at the same time singing most vigorously. The men carried themselves in a much more staid manner, but no doubt felt equally the merriment of the occasion. These happy parties could be heard in all directions—they started before daybreak. The Tongan is very energetic on festive occasions. The loads the various parties staggered under were enormous.

The day broke fine and cool, and people were astir early. The local battery was in readiness to fire the royal salute, and as the hands of the clock went round to 10.30 people wended their way to the King's chapel. A booming of guns announced that the King had left the palace, and also that the Queen-elect was also approaching the chapel. His Majesty was attended by the Premier and several of the high chiefs. Princess Takibo entered on the arm of Solomone Ata, the chief of Hihifo, and in close attendance were six becoming-looking bridesmaids. They formed a very happy-looking party as they took up their position facing the Rev. Mr. Watkin, his Majesty's chaplain, who conducted the service.

After the ceremony of marriage there was another event of importance—the crowning of the Queen. This was carried out with due dignity by his Majesty, after which the royal couple left the church. As they did so the guns again boomed in a royal salute, and the procession slowly wended its way over a pathway of tapa (native-made cloth) to the palace, the Government Band meanwhile playing Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." At a levee held later the guests were presented to the King and Queen.

The wedding breakfast was a sumptuous repast, fully 200 persons participating. The toast "Their Royal Majesties" was proposed by the British Consul. Other appropriate toasts were duly honoured.

The Queen looked charming in an exquisite Empire gown. The skirt had one panel of pearl trimming of exceptional beauty, while from the shoulders fell a long court train of rich white satin, with softening folds of white chiffon laid along its under edges and finished with sprays of orange blossoms. Her Majesty wore the usual wreath of orange-blossoms, and around her fell the soft folds of a lovely veil. She carried a beautiful shower bouquet of white roses. On the bodice of the gown lay some very choice Honiton lace as trimming, which was swathed with orange-blossom sprays. The bridesmaids were daintily clad in pretty crepe de chine gowns, richly trimmed with net edged with lace. They wore wreaths of flowers and carried large bouquets.

PARADE OF FIRE BRIGADES.

LORD CHELMSFORD PRESENTS MEDALS.

Several thousands of people congregated yesterday afternoon in the Domain to witness the parade of fire brigades in connection with the presentation by the State Governor of long and meritorious service medals to members of the Metropolitan Brigade. Among those at the saluting point, besides his Excellency, were Mr. Charles Bown (chairman) and other members of the fire brigade board, Mr. Webb (superintendent), Mr. Sparkes (deputy-superintendent), Mr. T. Barry (secretary to the board), and a number of station officers.

His Excellency, at the request of the chairman, presented the medals to the following members of the brigade amidst much cheering:—Augustus Gerard (sub-station officer), Edward Smith (principal electrician), William Thomas Corkhill (station officer), William James Morris (first-class coachman), Henry Skelton (station officer), Alexander Jamieson (first-class fireman), Ephraim Stoneham (principal mechanic), James Jones (head coachman), William Whitnall (station officer), Henry Thomas Dawes (station officer), Christopher George Digby (station officer), George Edward Joyner Wills (sub-station officer), and William Best (first-class coachman).

Lord Chelmsford congratulated the board on the efficiency the brigade displayed in its parade and in the demonstration made during the afternoon. He recalled a similar inspection made by him of the London brigade, and he was satisfied that the local turnout was in no way inferior. The brigade had a hard task set it in protecting Sydney from fire when one recognised the character of the town. He referred to the approaching change of administration, and said that he was sure that though there would be a change in the head there would be no lowering of efficiency. He wished the brigade every success. (Cheers.) He then christened the new petrol ladder "The Bown," in deference to the wish of the board to show in this way an appreciation of Mr. C. Bown's services since the inception of the brigade.

The turnout comprised:—Curricle ladder, manual, three steamers, salvage motor, electric ladder, and motor engine. A demonstration was given by the new petrol ladder, which was raised in an exceptionally short time—in marked comparison with the manual ladder, which was extended at the same time. The motor engine then, with one hydrant, showed how efficiently it could be worked, after which the various vehicles passed the saluting base at a gallop to the accompaniment of much cheering from the crowd.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

BOMADERRY TO JERVIS BAY TRAMWAY.

The Public Works Committee yesterday took further evidence with regard to the propriety of constructing a tramway from Bomaderry to Jervis Bay.

Mr. F. Morton, M.L.A., gave evidence in support of the proposal, but thought it would be better to construct a railway rather than a tramway. There would be considerable traffic in mining props to the mines in the South Coast district. His particular reason for believing that the work should be a railway was because of the probability of the Commonwealth Government constructing a line from the Federal capital at Canberra to Jervis Bay; and by the State constructing a railway from Bomaderry to Jervis Bay the two systems would be connected, and trade from the district around the Federal capital would be brought to Sydney. He thought that private residences would spring up on the shores of Jervis Bay, and that people would go there to spend their week-ends in the same way that they now went to the mountains. Jervis Bay was also used by the ships of H.M. Navy for gun practice, and that in itself would add importance to the bay if there was railway communication, as stores could be forwarded with facility. His opinion was that Jervis Bay would be developed by the Federal authorities within the next seven or eight years. Another thing was that good coal was to be found within 20 miles of the head of the Clyde River. What had prevented that coal being worked was the lack of a railway. If the Federal line were constructed facilities would also be provided for bringing iron ore from the Carcoar district to Jervis Bay, and from there to Sydney, which would lessen the distance that it had now to be hauled. Considerable shipbuilding had taken place at Jervis Bay, vessels of from 500 to 600 tons having been built there; and with the development of the bay and the district that industry would almost certainly increase, because of the cheapness of timber suitable for shipbuilding purposes. He thought that for some time there would be a loss on any railway that might be constructed to Jervis Bay, but that it would eventually pay.

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THE KENNEL.

BY W. C. J.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H.N. (Auckland): Received and noted.
W.R.D. (Paddington): The dog should be at once isolated and veterinary advice sought.
Fox Terrier: The fee is five guineas.

KENNEL CLUB SHOW.

This club provided an excellent and good all-round show last week. Five hundred and thirty-two entries were catalogued, representing 328 dogs. The benches were scrubbed, painted, and disinfected so that due precaution was taken against canine contagion. The "gate" as usual at these shows was unsatisfactory, and the hard fact remains that Sydney's citizens won't go to the dogs. Mr. A. B. Hellmrich, the club's hon. secretary, is an experienced organiser, and his arrangements left little to be desired. Seats were provided for the reporters and the public, and the rings service was an improvement on recent shows. Ring numbers were provided and used in all the rings except the most important—Mr. Coupe's. They were, however, on the table near by, but, for some unexplained reason, were not used. The consequence was that persons who had bought catalogues could not identify the dogs, and did not know the winner's names.

Australia's veteran judge, Mr. J. C. Coupe, journeyed from Portarlington, Victoria, to make most of the awards. In some cases he sustained recent awards, but in a good many others he knocked them "kite high." He was, on the second day of the show, at the beck and call of not a few losers, who wanted to know the reason why. When it comes to explaining why one dog beat the other, Mr. Coupe is the man with the courage of his opinions. As a Victorian canine journal—long since defunct—once wrote:—"Judges differ and exhibitors smile—and there you are, you know." Some of them, however, don't smile.

Mr. Grieveson, also from the southern State, handled his rather limited Australian terrier classes very well. The same may be said of Mr. J. Quinn, of Cootamundra, who judged the utility breeds—cattle and sheep dogs.

A pleasing feature of the show was the presence of dogs from Victoria and Queensland. It is good to know that their plucky owners did not go unrewarded. Mrs. Thomson's (Vic.) brace of quality bulldogs, Moston Donovan (imp.) and Sheila won both challenge certificates for the national breed. Mrs. H. Luxton and Mrs. Waters from the same State, gained a like distinction in Great Danes and Toy Pomeranians respectively. Mrs. Colin Christie (Q.) won in open deerhound dogs with Tranent Artist. Country exhibitors in this State also had a good time. Mr. J. T. Wilson, of Waratah won both challenges in black cocker Spaniels, with Kiaora, King Edward and K. Queen. Mr. R. W. Peacock, of Bathurst, scored freely with his Pointers Cannon, Daisy, and Moston Beatrice (imp.) the last-named winning the challenge. Mr. J. Campbell Wood, of Newcastle, won special and challenge with his imported fox terrier Raby Cedric (imp.), and Wakemup won for him in puppies. The head of the Irish Terrier bitches Lady Eskbank won for Mr. J. T. Challinor, of Lithgow, and Mr. R. R. Lee, of Waratah, won twice with his bull bitch Waratah Lady.

The following challenge certificates were awarded:—St. Bernards: P. R. Russell's Barry Boy. Mastiffs: J. Panchon's Flora. Great Danes: Mrs. H. Luxton. Deerhounds: Mrs. Colin Christie's Tranent Artist. Greyhounds: Greg. Keighery's Grand Slam. Pointers: W. S. Woodward's ch Brummy Prince Booker, and R. W. Peacock's ch Moston Beatrice (imp.). English setters: W. S. Woodward's Brummy Blue Peter, and H. Ekin's Lady Bell. Gordons: F. Hartge's The Gift. Foxhounds: Leslie Barry's Nobleman (imp.), and W. T. Osborne's Primrose Molly. Beagles: Amy Curtis's Nell. Harriers: P. McCabe's Viscount. Retrievers: J. Anderson's Kaffir Prince, and W. Miller's Trixie.

Collies: J. S. Clarke's Bockham Bill, and W. Cheeseman's Brighton Lassie. Kelpies: G. Fox's Pixie, and E. Driver's Lady Walker. Cattle dogs: Elliott Bros.' Jack Johnson, and W. Hammell's Dove. Fox terriers: J. C. Wood's Raby Cedric (imp.), and H. Moses, jun.'s Glendorn Gem. Bulldogs: Mrs. H. Thomson's ch Moston Donovan (imp.), and her ch Sheila. Bull terriers: E. Whelpton's Caroobeck Magician, and W. Miller's Braeside Blue Bell. Skye terriers: W. Miller's Braeside Laddie, and Mrs. A. M. Sturrock's Norrie Scott (imp). Irish terriers: T. S. Prescott's Baldoyle, and J. T. Challinor's Lady Eskbank.

Airedale terriers: J. B. Jones' Kalingo Clonbrony, and Prof. Welsh's Kalingo Coon. Field spaniels: Mrs. A. Brown's ch General Buller. Cockers: J. T. Wilson's Maori King Edward, and K. Queen. Blenheims: Miss M. King's Elstow Cherub. Dachshunds: A. J. Dallas's Banff Hector, and his Banff ch Lady Ida. Yorkshire terriers: D. Munro's Lord Carrington. Silvers: Mrs. R. Mason's Silver Cob, and H. Ekin's Little Molly.

Scottish terriers: W. R. Turner's Ivanhoe and his The Lovely Lady Morrison. Australian terriers: G. Johnson's Monaro Glenara, and his M. Carara. Black and tan terriers: J. Slattery's ch Surry Prince and his Surry Vixen. Toy terriers: Madam Campbell Macpherson's Esmeralda. Pugs: A. E. Owen's General Grand. Sydney silkies: T. J. O'Loughlin's ch Kinvara Standard, and his Kinvara Duchess. Pomeranians: Mrs. W. H. Waters' Pengwerne Blue Mite.

Regret was generally expressed that Mr. H. A. Richardson was not able, owing to illness, to fill his customary position of principal ring steward. His place was taken by Mr. W. Delfendahl, who also has had extensive ring experience. The blackboard was quickly chalked with the awards in each class.

Two challenge trophies—the best yet competed for at K.C. shows—were won outright. Mr. George Johnson gained the Woodstock Australian Terrier Cup, and Mr. Greg. Keighery took possession of the greyhound shield. Congratulations to the winners were numerous and hearty, as there are no more popular fanciers than the gentlemen named. Monaro Glenara won the Australian Cup three years in succession. When he was a pup I offered 15 guineas for Glenara for Lady Northcote, but his owner liked his dog too well to part with him.

The bulldog men got several severe shocks at the show. Muston Blackstone, Lord Chancellor, and Ashmont Lady Patricia—three pretty goods—were left out in the cold, and Harrogate Mollie, the bulldog show champion, got no closer than v.h.c.

K. C. DINNER.

On Friday night the Kennel Club dinner was held at the Burlington Cafe. Nearly 50 fanciers were present. Mr. V. R. Gosche presided, and among others present were Dr. M'Donagh, Messrs. Burns, Matterson, Somer, Griffin, Kaleski, W. Hamilton, Taylor, Russell, Kaleski Hughes, Kidd, Green, Whetton, Maier, and Johnson (Aus. T.C.), Wilson and O'Loughlin (Silky and Y. T.C.), Grieveson (Melbourne), Hellmrich, Quinn, Borthwick, Hagerman, and Molloy. The Ladies' K.C. was represented by Mrs. T. A. Griffin, Mrs. Cunningham, and Mrs. Alexander. Among the toasts were:—"The Kennel Club," "Kindred Clubs," "Visitors," and "Judges." Want of space precludes a report of the speeches. Dr. M'Donagh was cheered when he said that "the man who doesn't love a horse or a dog has something the matter with him."

NOTES.

The adjourned meeting of the proposed Scottish Terrier Club will be held at the Queen's Hall to-morrow night.

On the last day of the Ladies' K.C. show (Sept.), Mr. J. B. Jones' Airedale terrier Kalingo Bunkum whelped 10 puppies. Kalingo Cooyong, in the same stable, was not to be outdone, as on the last day of the K.C. show had a litter of eight dogs and four bitch puppies.

Mr. Grieveson, of Melbourne, is staying in Sydney for a week, so as to have a good look at the city, and also at the Australian and Yorkshire terriers.

C. OF E. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

The result of the annual scholarship examinations in connection with the above school has been that the following have been recommended to the council for selection:—For open scholarship: J. Thomson (Mr. Stuart, Turramurra). Prox acc.: E. K. Burke (Mr. Treloar, Wahroonga). For boys in the school: T. Blackwood. Prox acc.: E. M. Tyler. For sons of clergy in province of N.S.W.: B. C. Corlette (Tudor House, Moss Vale). Prox acc.: G. Lampard (Wollongong). The result for candidates for church primary school will be announced later.

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THE HAPPY EMBLEM.

The Christmas bells are here again in their ruddy beauty. Out on the uplands, amongst the grey rocks and dry sand, they rear their gay clusters at the end of slender stems. In marshy places, where the tall red gums spread shady branches, and keep the earth beneath them in a soft gloom, the bells, trying to reach the sun, lift their heads on stems quite four feet long, which wave and sway above the bead fern and the harsh, green gutty grass.

But those whose red is deepest, and whose gold is purest, grow in the dry sand amongst the rocks. The short suckers of the grey gums, with their broad purple and silver leaves, are their only shelter; all around them are burnt and blackened branches of stunted banksias and dwarf apple, which leave dirty marks upon your hands and clothes as you stoop amongst them. From a little way off the scene looks as dingy and unpromising as any piece of bush could be; the great grey spiders which have spun their thick webs from branch to branch seem to be the only living things in that blackened scene; unless perchance there is a snake or two hiding amongst the grass-trees. And yet it is here, amongst these arid rocks and burnt-out bushes, that the brightest and biggest of the bells are to be found.

The afternoon breeze creeps softly down the hill, and bends the clusters before it. To and fro they sway, swinging out to the sunshine their gentle peal. It is the music which they have rung, year in year out, through all the ages—the music of love and peace and Christmas-time. But to-day their message falls upon deafened ears; the din of discord, the strain of strife and struggle, have drowned the gentle music of the bells in a depth of thundering notes. Ears that have always loved the tender minstrelsy of the flowers are now listening anxiously to catch the first sound of a dreaded battle-cry; peace and love are a forgotten theme, and discord reigns supreme.

And yet, beneath the deafening thunder and clamour of the strife, the gentle music still persists, creeping like a still small voice across the unheeding world. Nothing can utterly silence it, this song of the bells, which has sounded throughout our land through all the years. Its happy peal was rung when the first Christmas Day brought good tidings to the world, and its message is still the same, whether we heed it or not. Blackness and desolation may surround them, and din and discord drown their music; but the Christmas bells still bloom, and ring forth their message as they did in the beginning.

And those of us who are worn and wearied from the dark battle that is waging round us may seize the Christmas bells as an emblem of the peace and brightness that may spring up from the scene which looks so deep a black at present.

WHITE CROSS SISTERS.

The White Cross Society of Geneva has just held its second congress in Paris, when over 200 delegates were present, representing 28 different countries. This society, which was formed a little over a year ago, exists for the purpose of preventing adulteration in food, drugs, and beverages, and is composed of scientists who recognise the fact that pure food regulations must be international if they are to be really valuable.

For there is not a country in the world nowadays that is entirely self-contained; foods are exchanged from land to land, and it is little use for one country to have rigid rules about the purity of its own products if adulterated commodities are daily being imported. Hence the necessity for a world standard of purity, so that no nation may suffer from the greed and carelessness of another.

But though scientists may give years to analytical work and cross continents to give their discoveries to the world, their labour will be of little use if the housekeeper does not do her share, and insist, first of all, upon being served with food that is pure, and then on its being kept pure. Of what use is it for chemists to analyse the milk, and inspectors to visit the dairy, if the housewife receives it in a carelessly-washed jug, and leaves it in a hot kitchen exposed to the dust? The greater part of the good work done by White Cross societies and health commissions is in vain if the scientists do not have the co-operation of the housewife in their fight for pure food.

A scientific congress in Paris may seem a long way from a Sydney suburban kitchen, but it isn't really; for those men have put on their thinking caps for our benefit just as surely as for the food of London, Paris, or Geneva. Australia contributes a large part of the world's food supply, but we also receive a very great deal from other lands, and so the standard of purity in Germany or South America affects us just as much as the standard in Sydney or Melbourne.

But all the forethought and care of the learned bodies can only protect our food a certain distance. Health authorities can insist that it is delivered to us pure, but only the housewife can see that it is eaten so. There are, of course, very few, if any, housemothers who would willingly give their families impure and unwholesome food; but there are hundreds who, through carelessness and ignorance, every day submit their households to the dangers of disease by giving them tainted food. In this land flies are one of the greatest dangers the housewife has to contend against, and now that the summer is upon us we would urge upon our readers the necessity for keeping their houses—and especially their larders—free from the germ-carrying insects. It has been proved beyond doubt that much of the disease of the world is distributed by flies, and the housewife who is careful to keep her food safe from these insects and other impurities is, in her own small way, doing just as much towards the health of the nation as the scientists of the White Cross Society are in theirs, and deserves the title of a "White Cross Sister."

AN EXPLANATION.

The last English mail brings a detailed account of the extraordinary statements made about Australian women by the Rev. Charles H. Matthews at the National Union of Women Workers at Southsea. It will be remembered that it was cabled out that Mr. Matthews had said:—"As far as could be seen from the observation of Australian politics, even in questions in which she might be supposed to take a special interest, the woman voter had neither advanced nor retarded reform," and also that the Australian woman had "disappointingly failed to rise superior to or to purify the somewhat corrupt political atmosphere." These statements were indignantly denied by Miss Margaret Hodge, who drew attention to the fact that local option and the Sunday closing of public-houses were both due to the women's vote; and also that, through women, Parliament had been petitioned to use a substitute for phosphorous in a match factory. Following Miss Hodge's defence, Mr. Matthews sent a letter withdrawing his statement, and offering as his excuse the fact that "the figures I quoted referred not to the last Federal election, but to the last but one. I quoted them in all good faith, quite forgetting at the time that there had been another election. I am the more sorry, as now that I am withdrawn from the arena, I do not mind admitting that I personally believe in the enfranchisement of women."

THE WELFARE OF MOTHERS.

The new law which has just been passed in France for the welfare of mothers and prospective mothers, has aroused much interest amongst women of all classes in Sydney. In a country where the birthrate is of such vital importance, any regulation for the protection of mothers and children is of special interest, and the question has been asked whether the example set by France might not be followed—perhaps, in a modified measure—by our own country.

But happily there is not at present the urgent need for such legislation in this land as there is in older countries. The conditions of life in crowded centres are so much harder, the struggle for existence is so much greater, that the poorer of the working women can badly spare the shortest time away from their employment. The weekly wage is, as a rule, so small, that there is absolutely no opportunity of a woman saving a little sum against her time of need, and so in the interests of the country, which badly needs its population, that law is only just which provides a holiday on full pay for a woman immediately before and after the birth of her child.

Here, fortunately, conditions are much easier. There are, of course, cases where a mother returns to work before she is physically fit, because she is the wage-earner, and cannot afford to lose the smallest sum. But, as a rule, under our industrial laws, wages are sufficiently good for a woman to be able to take the few weeks required at the time of her child's birth, and even if she has not been able to provide the necessary comforts for herself and her child, there are many hands to help her from the different societies which exist for that special purpose.

It is only when we read of the necessity for such laws as that which has just been passed for the welfare of French mothers, and remember that there are similar regulations existing in England and other crowded industrial countries, that we realise how fortunate are the conditions of life in our own land.

AN IMPERIAL VISITOR.

"I have come here, not to cause more overlapping, but fusion," said Miss Talbot, secretary of the Victoria League of England. "It is the hope and aim of my committee to bring into one circle the numerous societies which are at present engaged in doing practically the same work in the different parts of the British Empire. There are many different bodies working for the same end, but losing much of their power because they will not join forces, and the amount of valuable work and organisation lost in this way is tremendous.

"The Victoria League, which is named in honour of our late Queen, was established in England seven years ago, and was formed, as no doubt you are aware, with the object of promoting mutual understanding and intercourse between citizens of the British Empire in all corners of the world. It was felt that personal contact between individuals could do more to join together the bonds of empire than any efforts of statesmen. So the Victoria League was formed, absolutely outside all political parties, and within its circle men and women of every kind of opinion can meet and forget the smaller issues in the bigger cause of patriotism. Under its auspices people from all parts of the Empire meet and know each other under the most friendly and homely circumstances, and so each learns to see a little from the other's point of view.

The Hospitality Committee in London welcomes visitors from all quarters; a lonely girl from Australia will soon find herself, not a mere traveller in a far country, but a welcome visitor in a friendly land. Strangers taken under the committee's wing have an opportunity of seeing many places of interest that are not open to the ordinary traveller. And so you will see the league's work is mainly educational, for while you from Australia or South Africa or Canada are learning things about the motherland, we in our turn are learning just as much from you about the life and conditions in the Britain overseas.

"But it is not only those of you who are able to visit London with whom we come into touch. Our league has organised correspondence between children in schools all over the Empire, and the Literature Committee is busily engaged in sending books and papers to all parts, and the strictest censorship is exercised, so that only the best of every class is distributed.

"And that is a subject on which I especially wish to speak in Sydney. There is, I understand, a movement to distribute literature in the bush, and there are also two branches of a British Empire League. My hope is to see the three fused into one, and working in co-operation with us. Our objects are all the same, so is it not a pity that our forces should not be concentrated?

"I should like it clearly understood, too, that there is no man or woman's branch of the Victoria League, but both sexes meet together on equal grounds as fellow-citizens of the same country, and from this mingling there is no doubt we derive strength. Our patroness is the Princess of Wales, and our presidents the Countess of Jersey and the Countess of Crewe, but our vice-presidents and executive committee include just as many men as women.

"Since its inauguration in England there have been formed Victoria Leagues in all parts of the Empire—Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, and several of the Australian States. The Victoria League of Victoria came into existence on Empire Day of last year, and since my arrival in the Commonwealth a league has been formed in Western Australia. Each league is self-governing, but there is a regular interchange and correspondence between all. I am leaving for Brisbane in a few days, but hope before I go to know that your British Empire League, with its two branches, will join in with us, and that the circle which spreads right round the world will not be broken."

AN INFANTILE MALADY.

The epidemic of gastritis amongst children is causing much pain and anxiety to many mothers, and those whose children have so far escaped are filled with fear that their little ones may fall victims to the trying sickness. The disease is generally more prevalent at this time of the year, for most mothers do not know that it can be avoided, in a great measure, by the exercise of ordinary care.

Cleanliness, of course, is the greatest safeguard, and by cleanliness is meant plenty of ventilation, well-flushed sinks—clean water is better for this purpose than any disinfectant—the burning of all household refuse, and, above all, pure, wholesome food. With infants food means practically milk, and it is impossible to be too careful of the milk. Jugs should be thoroughly washed before using, and as soon as the milk arrives it should be scalded. To do this bring it quickly to a boil, and cool it as rapidly as possible as soon as it has come to the boil. By this means are destroyed the germs of most diseases, such as typhoid, diphtheria, tuberculosis, and scarlet fever. When the milk has been scalded keep it carefully covered with a piece of net, and in a cool place out of the dust.

In feeding the baby the greatest regularity should be observed, and it is most important that the feeding bottle should be absolutely fresh and sweet. The old-fashioned bottle with the long tube is a positive germ trap, as it cannot be kept clean, and only the boat-shaped bottles with rubber teats should be used, for the teats can be turned inside out and thoroughly cleansed. Any milk left in a bottle after feeding a child should be thrown away. The bottle should be cleansed and scalded with boiling water, rinsed, and then placed neck downwards to drain in a cool, clean place, where no dust can get into it.

So virulent has this infantile malady been in Sydney at different times that the City Health Authorities have published a list of rules for the guidance of mothers with young babies, and any woman who is not within easy touch of a doctor should apply for one to the City Health Officer, Town Hall.

PUCK'S GIRDLE.

I'll put a girdle round about the earth in forty minutes.—Midsummer Night's Dream.

At a meeting of the executive of the National Council of Women of New South Wales, held last Thursday, several matters were discussed, and a letter was read from Mr. Hogue saying that the Truancy Act was now under the consideration of the House, and that the matter could not be further dealt with until the present crisis is over. Letters were also read from the Queensland council and the Women's Christian Temperance Union drawing attention to Sir J. Madden's recent speeches on "Our Gravest National Peril," and suggesting that the councils should consider the subject. The following suggestions were recommended by Lady Dudley in furtherance of the Bush Nursing scheme:—1. That the councils should apply to her Excellency for literature showing the need of bush nurses, and pledge themselves to distribute the same widely. 2. That the councils should organise through their membership meetings to discuss the matter. 3. Each State council should canvass as widely as possible. 4. That each council should approach the different societies to discuss the matter and gain their support.

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Miss Miles Franklin has done more than write a book since she left our shores for America. For the last two years she has been acting as secretary of the National Women's Trades-union League, disseminating sociologic information; and was also secretary of the recently-held convention. She and Miss Henry another Australian, were both delegates to the convention, and received a special vote of thanks for their excellent work, while a distinguished literary lady humorously moved, "That we send to Australia for all our secretaries, for they are the best we have ever seen."

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Visitors to Miss Eirene Mort's annual exhibition of Christmas gifts always look for at least one novelty amongst her productions, and are never disappointed. This year there were two articles shown which were both original and useful. One was an ingenious combination of work-bag and apron, which is sure to find favour with needlewomen, and the other was a child's play bag made of plain strong sacking, with rope handles, and an attractive picture of an emu, kangaroo, or magpie stencilled on either side. These little bags should delight the heart of any child, and can be used with safety for any of the multifarious objects natural to childhood; and they would serve as a picnic bag, a receptacle for tools, toys, or bathing gown, or anything else one liked.

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In the State of Illinois a new law has just been passed, compelling all the Public schools to include "the humane treatment of animals" in the regular curriculum, and imposing the penalty of a fine of 4 per cent. of his or her salary against any teacher found neglecting to give this course in "kindness to beasts and birds." Our authorities might take a hint from this example, for the real work of protecting our native animals—which is so urgent and important—can only be begun in the schools and amongst the coming generation of Australians.

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Mrs. Pankhurst, the leader of the English suffragists, could hardly help being of a radical nature, for, according to the story of her life, given in a leading woman's journal, she was born on the anniversary of the storming of the Bastille; her father was a prominent Radical politician, and her grandfather narrowly escaped with his life at the great Franchise riots at Peterloo, in 1819. She was educated in Paris, where her great friend was the daughter of Henri Rochefort. Her husband, Dr. Pankhurst, was a distinguished barrister, and a member of the first Women's Suffrage Society, founded by John Stuart Mill; and it was he who drew up the Married Women's Property Act, which is now law.

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There has just died in America Miss Lizzie Johnson, a woman who, for 27 years, was confined to her room by illness, and yet who, by making and selling bookmarks earned nearly £4000 in 17 years. This money was devoted to missions, and supported in foreign lands over a hundred native missionaries. In addition to making the bookmarks, the invalid attended to all the correspondence of a large business.

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Egyptian women are joining in the movement for women's rights, which is now encircling the world. The leader of the movement in the land of the Pharoahs is the wife of a Bedouin sheikh, who for some years past has been writing under a pseudonym on the subject of woman's rights. Lately she gave a lecture on the subject, and it was reported that there were present more than 200 ladies from the most distinguished harems, who listened with attention to her demands for monogamy, reform in the divorce laws, higher education for girls, and equal rights for women before the law.

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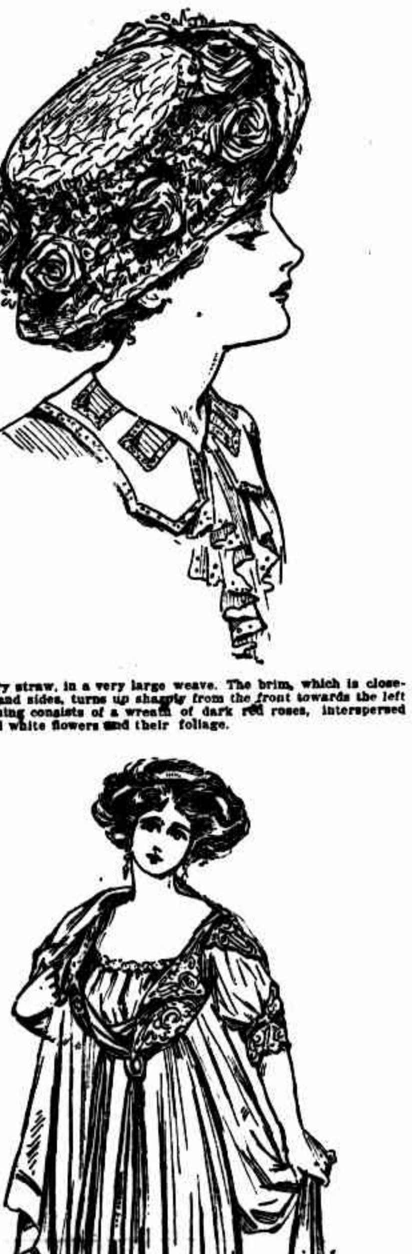
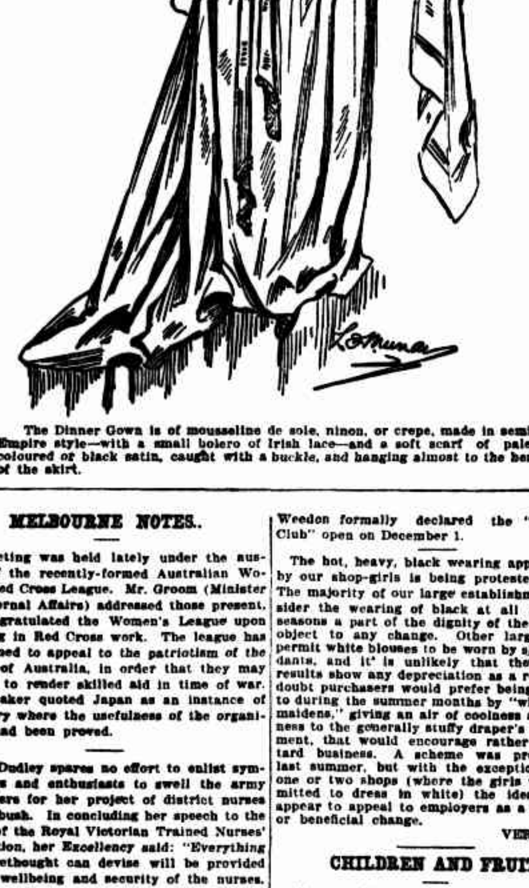
Miss Annette MacLellan writes:—While the Sydney University Women's Society feels proud of the support (from academic and extra-academic circles) that has enabled it to appoint a permanent settler; and while it looks forward with pleasure to the arrival of Miss Tompkinson, and with confidence in her ability to cope with the difficult duties she has undertaken—the society feels yet prouder and happier in having found among its circles a graduate who, already busily engaged, yet volunteered to undertake the pioneer work as honorary settler. This was Miss S. Evans, B.A., one of the staff of Fort-street Model School, who lived at Settlement House, and devoted all her time outside of school work—mornings and evenings, during the week, and Saturdays and Sundays, to settlement work. It meant overcoming innumerable prejudices, and it needed a woman of strong personality, as well as high character and culture, to do these things. And the society is proud of its pioneer.

LOYALTY.

Mr. Fraser states from his experience that the harshest things said about our continent comes from the lips of Australians themselves. "Always, of course, about the inhabitants of other States." We cannot altogether agree with that, for while there is undoubtedly too much lack of a Commonwealth spirit, and too much criticism of neighbouring States, there is also a growing tendency amongst a certain class—particularly women—to disparage the things of their own State, and praise those in the others. It is quite a common thing nowadays to hear women say, grumblingly, "Oh, they do this, that, and the other much better in Melbourne." "They are more go-ahead in Melbourne," or, "There is much more unity of purpose amongst the women in Melbourne." It may be quite true. Melbourne women may be possessed of all the virtues and accomplishments there are, and we would not wish them one less, but it never seems to occur to the grumblers that it is their fault if Sydney women lag behind. If they were as ready with their loyalty and their efforts as—according to their showing—the women are in the southern city, there would be no room for comparison. The woman who considers her own particular corner with its own particular customs the most admirable in the world is bad enough, but at least she is saved from that disloyalty which belongs to the woman who finds the ways and manners of every other place better than her own, and yet never by word or deed attempts to improve the things about her.



The hat is of ivory straw, in a very large weave. The brim, which is close-fitting at the back and sides, turns up sharply from the front towards the left side, and the trimming consists of a wreath of dark red roses, interspersed with tiny black and white flowers and their foliage.



The Dinner Gown is of mousseline de soie, ninon, or crepe, made in semi-Empire style—with a small bolero of Irish lace—and a soft scarf of pale-coloured or black satin, caught with a buckle, and hanging almost to the hem of the skirt.

MELBOURNE NOTES.

A meeting was held lately under the auspices of the recently-formed Australian Women's Red Cross League. Mr. Groom (Minister for External Affairs) addressed those present, and congratulated the Women's League upon engaging in Red Cross work. The league has determined to appeal to the patriotism of the women of Australia, in order that they may be able to render skilled aid in time of war. The speaker quoted Japan as an instance of a country where the usefulness of the organisation had been proved.

Lady Dudley spares no effort to enlist sympathisers and enthusiasts to swell the army of workers for her project of district nurses for the bush. In concluding her speech to the nurses of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association, her Excellency said: "Everything that forethought can devise will be provided for the wellbeing and security of the nurses. But we want in our pioneers, who will also be the captains of this undertaking, the qualities of courage, patience, and unselfishness which distinguish those persons—the salt of the earth—who find it possible, and even congenial, to sacrifice their individual aspirations for the general good of the community." An assured salary, instead of depending on fees collected, would no doubt act as an incentive to many nurses, for they should be placed entirely beyond any anxiety as to how they are to be supported. To obtain the greatest benefits from their work it is imperative that they should be placed, as her Excellency said, above the turmoil of mundane things, free from all considerations of finance, all anxiety as to how they are to be supported.

The arrangements for the comfort of women travellers have not been overlooked by the railway authorities at our new railway station. At the Swanston-street entrance there is a large waiting-room, furnished with comfortable chairs, mirrors, wash-hand basins, etc., and at the Elizabeth-street entrance a smaller, but not less convenient, one is provided. A public telephone has been placed on No. 3 platform, but a ticket (costing 3d) must be purchased before using it. From a woman's point of view "The Loungers' Club" will be one of the comforts of the new station. It is placed in No. 4 basement of Flinders-street, and is fitted up as a rest-place, and the leading papers are provided. Annual membership of the club is one guinea, which entitles women to use of the club as much as they like, and enables them to take a book from the library if they desire to. The club is also provided with a telephone. Tea and light refreshments are procurable for 3d. Sir Henry Weedon formally declared the "Loungers' Club" open on December 1.

The hot, heavy, black wearing apparel worn by our shop-girls is being protested against. The majority of our large establishments consider the wearing of black at all times and seasons a part of the dignity of the firm, and object to any change. Other large centres permit white blouses to be worn by shop attendants, and it is unlikely that the business results show any depreciation as a result. No doubt purchasers would prefer being attended to during the summer months by "white robed maidens," giving an air of coolness and freshness to the generally stuffy draper's establishment, that would encourage rather than retard business. A scheme was promulgated last summer, but with the exception of just one or two shops (where the girls were permitted to dress in white) the idea did not appear to appeal to employers as a necessary or beneficial change.

VERONICA.

CHILDREN AND FRUIT.

"Constance" writes:—The subject of infantile paralysis is one in which so many of us are at present painfully interested that I think everyone who can give any evidence as to the cause of it should do so. With all due deference to the doctors, and to M. E. L., I wish to differ from them, or at least to express a very big doubt. The interest I take in the question, and the anxiety I feel to see the matter thrashed out, and the cause of this terrible calamity to children ascertained beyond question, may be understood when I say that one of my little girls suffers from it. And I am quite sure—as sure, that is, as is possible, humanly speaking—that diseased or overripe fruit had nothing to do with it in her case. At the time she was two and a half years old, and we were "relieving" in a town on the Murray, 60 miles from the nearest town, in which a case of infantile paralysis had occurred over a year previously. The only fruits to which the child had access, always under my personal supervision, were the luscious grapes and delicious peaches kindly sent in from the station homesteads. It was in the nature of things more than unlikely that any fruit unfit to eat should come in the child's way.

At the same time I am ready to admit that to be aware of everything a child does is beyond the powers of the most watchful, and overripe fruit might have come her way. But fruit was so scarce that I cannot imagine how it could occur. It was only a few months ago that I read in the "Herald" of a leading American doctor having spent over two years seeking the cause of this dread complaint, and then relinquishing the work, completely baffled.

One would think that, if the cause were to be found in the consumption of bad fruit, such a man would have found it. But again, that contention really proves nothing, for the greatest discoveries have been the ones that now seem most patent.

I heartily agree with M. E. L. as to the necessity for great care in the selection of fruit for children's use. Personally I never allow my children to buy and eat fruit without my seeing it.

THE HAPPY HOUSEWIFE.

She is hard to find just now, the happy housewife, for her life is filled with the continual worry of what is going to happen next. With coal unobtainable, wood "gone up," and the prospect of a gas famine, the position of a housewife is a very trying one at present, and the only woman who can view the situation with any equanimity is she who is possessed of a fireless cooker. With a little wood or a small oil stove and a cooking box an excellent dinner can be cooked at very small cost, and a little fuel can be thus eked out for a long period.

But it is not every one who has such a cooking box. Those who are not able to buy a proper cooking box will be glad to know that a very good substitute can be found in an ordinary cask full of straw or hay. If the saucepan is lifted straight from the fire, with the contents boiling, and placed in a nest in the straw, and then carefully covered over, it will be found to answer almost as well as the finest cooking box. A Danish lady of the writer's acquaintance used regularly to cook her dinners in this way, except when a roast or grill was wanted, and the curries, haricots, and boiled joints were as tender and well cooked as one could wish.

Of course the properly-made cooking box, which, by the way, is a patent, is tidier and more convenient, but in times of necessity such considerations weigh lightly, and many a woman will be glad to know of the cask of straw, despite its inelegance.

THE IDLE HANDS OF INDIA.

Women have been very prominent amongst those who have attempted to satisfactorily explain the present unrest in India. Mrs. Flora Annie Steel has gone deeply into the subject, and has given her views of the reason for the discord. In a recent book, "An Englishwoman in India," the writer, Miss Maud Diver, offered more explanations of the situation, and now a third woman, Lady Cox, gives her opinion, formed after a sojourn of 21 years in the country.

In an interesting article in the "Nineteenth Century" Lady Cox gives some fresh sidelights on the problem which is at present puzzling British statesmen. In her opinion, formed, she insists, from an intimate intercourse with the Hindus, the bottom of the whole trouble is the system of education, which, she contends, is wrong. The modern youth of India is forsaking the wisdom of his fathers, wisdom which was the result of ages of careful thought and study, and turning his thoughts to a smattering of western knowledge, acquired after a few years in the schools, and his one ambition is to become a Government clerk.

"Now, herein lies the crux of the whole question," says the writer. "Why does not the Hindu student, with the vast storehouse of his own country lying before him, with all its treasures of philosophy, martial prowess, architecture, arts, and manufactures, turn his attention to these things instead of crowding into the schools to acquire what is in many cases a second-rate English education, with the sole aim of spending his life in ill-paid quill driving?"

India, as we all know, is full of art treasures of every kind, ivories, carved wood, jewel work, wrought brass, rare embroideries, enamels, carpets, and many others which the western nations are vainly trying to imitate. "And yet, with all this glorious heritage of beauty, not to mention literature, the youth of the country have but one thought—to rush to the schools and there acquire a mediocre English education."

The natural consequence of this is that the wonderful crafts which were so distinct a part of India, are either ceasing altogether or declining to vanishing point, because the sons instead of following their fathers' occupation, are hurrying off to Bombay or some other city to acquire book learning, and the art which for generations has been handed down from father to son is lost to the race.

Lady Cox denies that the Hindu is disloyal. From her own personal experience she testifies to his faithfulness, and also in support of her contention points to the history of the siege of Delhi, when there were more Indians than English in the army encamped on the Ridge, a fact which Tennyson commemorated in verse. In the writer's opinion, then, it is not disloyalty, but idleness which drives them to discontent and sedition, and she says "give those idle hands suitable employment, for which they are so eminently fitted by heredity and tradition and there would be no longer any time or thought left to spare for the devil's work, viz., the manufacture of bombs, the hatching of sedition, and the murderous use of firearms."

The writer strongly advocates the introduction of technical classes in the Government schools, where first-class artisan teachers should be employed, and prizes offered for first-class work. For, apart from the fact that so many young men are forsaking the crafts of their fathers, those workers who still remain seem to be affected by the western fever of haste, and the work is deteriorating. The men say that they cannot do as good work as was done in the past, even 40 years ago, but the opinion of the writer is that they do not take the same pride in their crafts as their ancestors did, and consequently their work is careless. If encouragement were shown by the Government the proper pride would be revived, and the beautiful arts which were once the crown of the East, would once again have their rightful place in the life of the nation.

"HOURLY" NURSING.

This class of nursing seems to be little, if at all, known in New South Wales. For some years it has been carried on most successfully in England and America, where it has proved a great boon to hundreds of families in moderate circumstances, and who now recognise its value, and support it readily. More recently it has been introduced into South Australia, and is proving a great success. It is a great mistake to think that it in any way interferes with the work of the resident trained nurse. In many cases it has proved a great help—it is really the nursing that fills the gap between the resident and the district nurse.

There are numberless cases where families with moderate incomes—and limited house accommodation—would be glad to avail themselves of the services of a trained nurse for one hour or two every day, when a resident is not to be thought of. It is in such cases the "hourly" nurse proves invaluable.

She attends to the patient for one (or in more serious cases) two hours a day. The fee is usually half-a-crown.

Some families prefer attending to their own invalids, yet to them it would be a great boon to have a skilled nurse for an hour or two to bathe and dress the patient, change the bed, and render any medical or surgical services that may be required; and frequently to give a hint as to the preparation of invalid food and drinks. In some cases it may only be surgical dressings that require attending to; in others attendance at minor operations. In children's complaints the "hourly" nurse proves a great comfort, relieving the worn-out mother for an hour every day. In cases where only one resident trained nurse is engaged, she sometimes finds it very difficult to get an hour for recreation and rest. Here the "hourly" nurse comes in, and relieves her temporarily.

I might mention many other cases in which she is invaluable—but in conclusion, will say that the "hourly" nurse needs only to be known to be appreciated; and will prove a boon to many invalids, and also to the members of their families.

PHILANTHROPIST.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Lindfield: If you send them to the Girls' Realm Guild Depot, Vickery's-chambers, Pitt-street, Sydney, they will be distributed amongst people in the bush who will greatly appreciate them.

Lindsay and "C.": Sorry we cannot give the name.

AN OLD COOKERY BOOK.

Among the most cherished possessions of a Sydney resident is a very old cookery book, which has been in her family library for years, and as this lady is the great-granddaughter of Rev. Mr. Grylls, the first incumbent of Fort-street Church, one of the pioneers of both this State and Victoria, the book itself has an extrinsic value quite apart from the interesting reading it affords. "The London and Country Cook" was "printed for Charles Hitch, in Paternoster-row, Stephen Austin, in Newgate-street, and John Hinton, in St. Paul's Church-yard," in 1849. The title-page of the book (which is about the same size as Mrs. Beeton's, and nearly half as thick), is covered with remarks, enlarging the title, after the manner of those days. Its alternative name is "The Accomplished Housewife," and the "Best Receipts for all branches of Cookery and Housekeeping" are "interspersed with many foreign and approved medicines used by private families in most distempers; and illustrated with 49 large copperplates." The author is "Charles Carter, cook to his Grace the Duke of Argyle," and this (the third) edition is "Revised and much improved by a Gentlewoman" (all in capitals), "Many years housekeeper to an eminent merchant of the City of London." (More capitals.)

For interesting miscellaneous reading this old cookery book, which happened to fall into the writer's hands quite recently, can give points and a beating to any dictionary ever eulogised. The beautiful copper etching which forms the frontispiece adds its quota of artistic charm; but, oh, disappointment!—the other 48 copperplates are merely diagrams of banquets and dinner tables. But what banquets and what dinners! Truly Gargantuan were the feasts spread in those days, if all diners were catered for on the same scale as the "eminent merchant" must have been, if the gentlewoman, his housekeeper, lived up to her own recipes. A specimen menu is given for each month of the year, the plans for the tables being shown, and these make one understand why descriptive writers are still so fond of saying that "the tables groaned under the weight of delicacies provided." The ordinary family meals look heavy enough in all conscience, but when one gazes at the table plan of the "Lord Mayor's banquet" and the "hall dinners," one can only acknowledge that our dainty little "diners a la Russe" of to-day cater for degenerate appetites.

This is the Christmas season, so, appropriately, let us begin with the December menu. For the first course this is the liberal bill of fare: In the centre, "minc'd pyes" (the spelling throughout is very quaint), with a chine and turkey at the head, and "rost" beef at the foot, flanked by "brawn and oysters cold," a "fricassy" of "rhabbits," "broyl'd pidgeons," and two dishes of "plumb pottage." For the second course a goose is supported by pheasants and partridges, and still further kept in countenance by "hamm," "sweetbreads rost," salmon "soust," sturgeon, larks with crumbs (this doesn't mean that the bread was thrown at each other by the guests), and in the centre a "warden pye cream'd" represents the sweets course. There are no more courses to this tiny snack, but four courses would seem to have been the average number in those days. One notices that these dishes stood not upon the same order of going as to-day's arrangement plans out. Soup and fish were often placed on the table at the same time. The fashion of setting the table, too, usually allowed for jellies, custards, "pyes of sorts," and "kickshaws" to be placed in a row along the centre of the long table. By the way, the recipe for kickshaws shows them to have been what we call jam turnovers. "Plumb pottage" was a fearsome dish, either under that form of spelling, or as "plum porridge." Here's how they made it:—

TO MAKE PLUM PORRIDGE.

Take a leg and shin of beef, put to them eight gallons of water, and boil them till they are very tender, and when the broth is strong strain it out, wipe the pot, and put in the broth again; then slice six penny loaves thin, cutting off the top and bottom, put some of the liquor to it, cover it up, and let it stand a quarter of an hour, boil it and strain it, and then put it in your pot; let it boil a quarter of an hour, then put in 5lb of currants, clean washed and picked; let them boil a little, and put in 5lb of raisins, of the sun stoned, and 2lb of prunes, and let them boil till they swell, then put in ¼oz mace, ¼oz cloves, two nutmegs, all of them beat fine, and mix it with a little liquor cold; put them in a very little while, take off the pot, and put in 3lb sugar, a little salt, a quarter of sack, and a quart of claret, the juice of two or three lemons. You may thicken with sago instead of bread if you please; pour them into earthen pans, and keep them for use. You must boil 2lb of prunes in a quart of water, till they are tender, and strain them into the pot when it is boiling.

Modern taste would "pass" the above, no doubt, but the reader should not be too hasty in condemning the bulk of Georgian cookery from some of the quaint samples that might be culled from this very entertaining book. The directions for cooking poultry of sorts, venison, veal, beef a la mode, ham-curing, cheese-making, and other branches of housekeeping, go to show that extreme tastiness must have been achieved by the competent cook, and the meals, enormous as they were, were not devoid of those finer and more artistic "plats" dear to the palates of gourmets.

Teetotalism had not then been brought much into cookery. Among the most constantly-used ingredients is sack. This Falstaffian liquor flavoured the dishes of those days in a degree we should think excessive, even if sack were as nice as its devotees evidently thought it. Small beer was used in gravies, and four-ale in ketchups. Wine was put into not only soups, sauces, and pickles, but even tooth-paste was made of claret and some herbs. Sack and claret both figure in the plum porridge recipe given above. Brandy was extensively used, also mead; and minute directions are given for making the latter, which was composed of water, honey, and loaf sugar, yeast, white of eggs, and the juice and peel of a lemon. They had no baking powder, and yeast was therefore used in "plumb" and other cakes. Nasturtium buds were pickled in white wine. Hash was not the dry, tasteless dish which its traducers affirm it to be in the twentieth century. In the eighteenth they added red wine. There were indeed cakes and ale in those days, and the ginger must have been exceedingly hot in the mouth, as powdered ginger figures largely in all kinds of dishes.

Vegetables played an important part. Asparagus and artichokes run in that order of popularity, with potatoes a good third. The herbs, of course, are "too numerous to mention." To-day one should only seek for such in a chemist's shop. Tansy was evidently a much-loved dish, and numerous are the recipes therefor. Pennyroyal, liverwort, sorrel, fennel, are only a very few of the herbs which were used in daily requirements. With the medical recipes time has run back into a past so remote that it is almost unknown to our modern intelligences, trained as they have been to some degree of scientific knowledge. A quaintly ludicrous recipe sandwiched in between eggs with lettuce" and "jugged hare" (for there is no classification of recipes) is "Dr. Mead's prescription for the cure of the bite of a mad dog." It is rather long to quote in full, but it includes blood letting, the taking of a powder made from liverwort and pepper, and, as a very extreme measure, a cold bath every morning for a month, and after that three times a week for a fortnight.

A patient would, quite conceivably, rather have the spleen than the remedy for that "modish" complaint as prescribed in this book. But the gem of the whole collection is headed "A Remedy for Lunacy, with which a Person of Quality Cured One Hundred People." This remedy consists of an ointment made of ground ivy, wine (of course), and sundry herbs. The patient's head was shaved, and the ointment was rubbed on "very hard" every morning for 12 days; "then give the patient three spoonsful of the piece of ground ivy every morning in a glass of beer." Perhaps it was the shock of seeing good beer spoiled in this way that restored the "hundred people" to reason. The "cure" for convulsions is, after this, quite probable, though it is described as "loathsome," even in the printed directions. A powder was made of the entrails of a dozen moles, caught alive and stuck in the throat; it was administered to the unfortunate child in cherry water once in three hours, three nights before the full and new of the moon!

Not more suggestive than the above and other quaint recipes—e.g., for "curing" plague and smallpox—of the long distance we have travelled in cookery and medicine, in all that century and a half, are the illustrated employments and womanly industries of the frontispiece. Here ladies with figures like Mrs. Noah are engaged in milking, butter-making, cheese-making, baking bread, and brewing, while the genius of the still room sits among pots and pans, mortars and pestles, pipes and glass tubes, with a row of raisins drying overhead, and shelves full of jam and pickles around her. When one reflects that the modern woman cares for none of these arts, nor needs to care, because she has every one of these things done for her and the goods delivered by carrier at her own door, it makes one understand that all the time saved thus must be put to some other use, or else trouble ensues. Hence arises much of the twentieth century feminine unrest.

ANNE BARTLETT.

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LAW REPORT.

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

(Before the Chief Justice, Sir Samuel Griffith, and Justices Barton, O'Connor, and Isaacs.)

A PRISONER'S ADMISSIONS.

Attorney-General v Martin.

Mr. Blacket, instructed by Mr. J. V. Tillett, Crown Solicitor, appeared for the appellant, Attorney-General; and Mr. Weigall, instructed by Mr. W. U. Smythe King, for respondent, Patrick Martin.

Argument was resumed on behalf of the respondent by Mr. Weigall, who referred at length to the American case of Bram v United States. He submitted that all the authorities were in favour of his contention that a statement was practically identical, as far as the law was concerned, with a confession, and it was incumbent upon the Crown to prove affirmatively that prisoner was not induced to make it.

Mr. Blacket said that the stage at which it was incumbent upon the Crown to prove affirmatively that the statement was a voluntary one was when the statement was sought to be put in, and the issue was raised that it was doubtful whether it was voluntary.

The Chief Justice, in delivering judgment, which was endorsed in varying terms by Justices Barton, O'Connor, and Isaacs, said that special leave had been given to appeal in this case, which was one of importance, and related to the construction of section 410 of the Crimes Act. It was satisfactory to know that the decision of the Court, if it reversed that of the Supreme Court, would not injuriously affect the prisoner. The section simply reenacted the laws of the State relating to confessions by a prisoner. Once the admissibility of confessions was governed by the common law, which provided that only a purely voluntary confession was admissible in evidence. The conditions imposed by the section were of a negative character, and they altered the common law. The earlier laws dealt with confessions, and the Criminal Law Amendment Act with admissions and statements as well. He doubted whether that made much difference in the law, but when certain words were added it was necessary to see that the conditions required were fulfilled. There was, however, nothing in the section requiring the Crown to prove a negative respecting statements. Such was contrary to the elementary notions of the law of evidence. There was nothing in the section casting the onus of proof upon the Crown that certain conditions did not exist, and he could not see that the prisoner could derive any benefit from the section. He assumed that the old rule at common law had been preserved, and it was still necessary on the part of the prosecution to prove that an admission of guilt was voluntary. In the case the Queen v Thompson and others quoted, all the facts were fully disclosed, and the question was whether on all of these there had been inducements held out to the prisoners. In the case Queen v Thompson the statement was made to the prisoner's brother with the intention of being communicated, and there was some doubt in that case whether the statement was free and voluntary. Mr. Justice Kay had rightly held then that the Crown had to prove that the statement was free and voluntary. His Honor also referred to the case Queen v Williams reported by Russell, in which a prisoner had been in charge of two constables. One of these retired, and the prisoner made a statement to the other. His Honor could not find in any case that a statement was held to be inadmissible when there was nothing to suggest that it had been obtained by inducement, threat, or promise. Judges had always seen, and he hoped always would see, that before such statements were admitted they were not obtained by threat or promise. In the present case all that they knew was that the constable had read something to the prisoner in the lock-up in the presence of an inspector. It appeared now that what was read was the deposition of the man the prisoner was accused of wounding. Thereupon the prisoner made a statement, which came under section 410 of the Act. He made that statement just as he pleased, and his Honor could not see that the Judge at the trial should have suspected that it was induced by untrue representation, threat, or promise. He did not think there was ever such a rule as had been suggested by counsel for prisoner requiring the Crown to prove affirmatively that the statement had not been procured by the means he had referred to. If there were, it was certainly confined to incriminatory statements, and not to free and voluntary statements which were not confessions of guilt. The section did not exclude the evidence in this case. If it did the administration of justice would become impossible in cases such as that under review. The Supreme Court fell into the error of thinking that it was necessary to hold that the negative conditions should have been affirmatively shown to have existed. It was the invariable practice of courts of justice to see that statements were fairly obtained. He thought the appeal should be sustained, and the conviction confirmed.

Mr. Justice Barton, in agreeing, said that the provisions relating to confessions in the law of 1858 had not been repealed in the law of 1898, nor in the consolidated Act now in existence. Every admission and every statement was not a confession, and the Legislature by referring to them severally indicated its intention to keep them distinct. The statement by prisoner in this case was in a sense not a confession nor an admission. The prisoner inferentially sought to cast the blame upon someone else, and said that he did not strike a blow. There might be statements made which incriminated a prisoner when subsequent evidence was produced, and this was one of them. It did not matter much whether the deposition of Finnegan was read over to the prisoner. Something was read to him.

Mr. Justice O'Connor, in concurring, said that the judgment was important, as it affected criminal procedure. The prisoner's statement was an exculpatory one, not a confession, and did not therefore come under his common law rights. It was upon the prisoner to establish affirmatively that the statement had been induced by a person in authority, by means of a threat or promise.

Mr. Justice Isaacs agreed with his learned brethren on one special ground, viz., that the statement was not a statement within the meaning of section 410. He could not see that the denial of guilt in the statement could have been induced by an untrue representation, promise, or threat. The statement made by the prisoner was not the class of statement that the Legislature had in its mind when it desired to protect a prisoner.

The appeal was upheld, the order discharged, and the conviction confirmed.

BANCO COURT.

(Before the Acting Chief Justice and a jury of four.)

CLAIM BY A MINER.

Wheeler v Mount Pleasant Coal and Iron Mining Company, Limited.

Mr. L. Armstrong and Mr. Perry, instructed by Mr. A. A. Lysaght, of Wollongong (by his agent, Mr. B. A. M'Bride), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Broomfield and Mr. Mocatta, instructed by Messrs. Perkins, Stevenson, and Co., for the defendant company. This was an action brought by Alfred Wheeler, coalminer, against the Mount Pleasant Coal and Iron Mining Company, Ltd., to recover compensation for injuries sustained by the plaintiff owing, as he complained, to the negligence of the defendant company, or its servants. The case stated for the plaintiff was that in July last he was employed by the company in the hewing of coal, and on the 28th of that month, about 10 a.m., he was going to join his shift, and in order to reach the place where he worked, he had to proceed along a tunnel. At that time the electric light, which ordinarily illuminated the tunnel, was out, and the road along which he had to go was, therefore, dark. He had a miner's safety lamp with him, but it was not sufficient to show any obstacles that might lie in his way, and his ankle was struck by a rope. He moved his foot in order to avoid it, and trod on a roller that was used in guiding the rope. The roller shifted under his feet, and he fell heavily to the ground, a can which he was carrying in front striking him with great force in the thigh. He also received a severe blow in the region of the heart, and as soon as he attempted to handle a pick in the ordinary course of his work he fainted, and had to be carried out of the mine. He had since been incapacitated from following his occupation as a miner. He said that the negligence charged was in not keeping the roadway along which he had to pass free from obstruction, and in not furnishing sufficient light to enable him to avoid any impediment. Damages were laid at £500. Defendant company pleaded not guilty.

The case stands part heard.

NO. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen and a jury of four.)

ACTION FOR £25,000.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd., v Municipal Council of Sydney.

This case is still part heard.

(Before Mr. Justice Sly and a jury of four.)

ALLEGED SLANDER.

Thomas v Wormald.

Mr. James and Mr. Breckenridge, instructed by Mr. J. J. Carroll, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Broomfield and Mr. Harry Stephen, instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Osborne, for the defendant. This was an action brought by Theresa Thomas against William Challenger Wormald, to recover compensation for alleged slander. Plaintiff is the licensee of the Blue Mountains Hotel, at Lawson, and the defendant is the licensee of the Grand Hotel in the same place. It was stated that while the plaintiff was in treaty for the lease of a new hotel at Lawson defendant published a statement grossly reflecting upon her character, and the conduct of her business, which had been carried on by her and her family for 50 years. She complained that the slander had been uttered not only to one William Moodie, but to other persons.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

When the case was resumed yesterday a settlement was announced, and a verdict, by consent, was given for the plaintiff, with damages £150.

THE SALE OF A CONDITIONAL PURCHASE.

Koellner v Breese.

Mr. Watt, instructed by Messrs. Elliott and Waller, of Dungog (by their agents, Messrs. M'Donell and Moffitt), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Cowan, instructed by Mr. D. Cowan, of Taree (by his agent, Mr. F. C. Petrie), for the defendant. This was an action brought by Albert Joseph Koellner, of Clarence Town, farmer, against William Robert Breese, of Britti, near Barrington, grazier, to recover the sum of £88 6s, amount claimed to be due as balance of account on the sale of a conditional purchase. It appeared, according to the case stated in his behalf, that plaintiff in 1906 was the owner of a conditional purchase in the land district of Stroud, Manning River, and defendant offered to purchase it for £200 if plaintiff allowed him two years to pay; and he also undertook to pay 5 per cent. interest on that sum. To this the plaintiff agreed, the sale to be taken as from January 1, 1906. According to plaintiff, the original amount due was £220 10s, of which the defendant had paid off £132 4s, leaving the balance now claimed.

Defendant denied that he ever promised to pay interest, and as to £61 odd, that he satisfied and discharged plaintiff's claim. He also paid into court £5 9s 4d in full satisfaction of the claim, and pleaded that plaintiff owed him £45 on an overdue promissory note, and that he was also indebted to defendant for goods sold and delivered and work done.

The case stands part heard.

NO. 2 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring and a jury of four.)

ACTION BY WIFE AGAINST HUSBAND.

Gregory v Gregory.

Mr. Lamb, instructed by Messrs. Allen, Allen, and Hemsley, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Whitfeld, instructed by Messrs. Hughes and Hughes, for the defendant. This was an action brought by Jessie Isabel Gregory against Thomas Westbrook Gregory to secure the return of certain furniture, household effects, ornaments, books, etc., or damages for their detention. The case for the plaintiff was that she was married to the defendant at Brisbane in 1897, when he settled the sum of £1000 upon her, and also a house. Owing to differences that arose between them in 1908 plaintiff left her husband, taking with her the two younger children, and had not since returned to him. She now desired to obtain from defendant a number of household articles, books, photographs, and other things enumerated in her declaration, which she claimed as her separate property, including a piano and some presents made to her by friends.

Defendant denied that the goods referred to, or, at any rate, a majority of them, belonged to the plaintiff. The principal article in dispute was a piano, which the plaintiff said was bought for her by her husband. This, however, he disputed, and said that the instrument was purchased for the house, and was at present being used by his daughter.

The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff, with damages £41 3s 6d, but verdict to be reduced to 1s on return of the articles covered by the award.

CLAIM FOR COMMISSION.

M'Donald v Campbell.

Mr. Piddington and Mr. Norris, instructed by Messrs. Curtiss and Barry, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. W. A. Walker, instructed by Mr. R. H. Levien, for the defendant. This was an action brought by George Roy William M'Donald, stock and station agent, of Tamworth, against Alexander Campbell, the younger, to recover the sum of £112 10s, claimed to be due as commission which defendant agreed to pay the plaintiff as commission on the sale by the latter on behalf of the defendant for the sum of £4000 of an estate at Boggabri, and known as "The Meadows."

The main defence was that the plaintiff did not procure a person able and willing to purchase the estate, and that it was a condition of the agreement that plaintiff was to obtain a purchaser who was willing to pay for certain fencing required to be done, and the expense of converting certain conditionally-leased land upon the estate into conditionally-purchased land. This portion of the agreement plaintiff failed to carry out.

The case stands part heard.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before his Honor Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge in Equity.)

VAUCLUSE ESTATE.

FURTHER SUBDIVISIONS.

Mr. W. C. Wentworth, instructed by Mr. E. G. Dunhill, appeared for the applicants. This was an application on the part of Fitzwilliam Wentworth, Daniel McAllister, and Roland Smith Hill, trustees of the will of William Charles Wentworth, deceased, dated October 19, 1870, for an order authorising them to form and lay out certain roads, streets, and lanes on the Vaucluse Estate; to expend a sum not exceeding £2200 in forming and laying out the said roads and streets with such variations and deviations as the trustees from time to time approved; to dedicate the said roads and streets, and any part thereof, to the public; and to defray the cost out of the capital of the estate.

By consent his Honor made an order in terms of the summons.

Portion of the proposed roads surround the area lately purchased by the Crown, which included the old mansion houses. Other roads provide for subdivision of lands on the foreshores of Rose Bay.

CORDIAL MAKERS AT LAW.

Schweppes, Ltd., v E. Rowlands Proprietary, Ltd.

The case stands part heard.

(Before Mr. Justice Street.)

A FAMILY DISPUTE.

Miller v Morris.

This case is still part heard.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Sly.)

A SHEARER'S AGREEMENT.

Re G. M'Donald (J. P. Innes and others respondents).

Mr. Cecil Teece, instructed by Mr. A. E. Roberts, appeared for Gus. M'Donald, of Inverell, shearer, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi for a prohibition to restrain John Pacey Innes, of Boonaldoon station, near Moree, station manager, and John Jamieson, P.M., also of Moree, from further proceeding upon the order made by the magistrate on October 18 last. Mr. Boyce, instructed by Messrs. Stirton and Moodie, of Moree (by their agents, Messrs. Villeneuve Smith and Dawes), appeared for respondent Innes to oppose the application. It appeared that M'Donald was convicted on a charge that on October 12, at Boonaldoon, having contracted with B. Richards and Co. to perform for them work as a shearer at a certain price, and having commenced such work, he absented himself therefrom without reasonable cause before the work contracted for was completed. The magistrate decided that the case was proved, and M'Donald was ordered to forfeit £2 13s, being part of the wages due to him on September 12; and he now appealed on the grounds:—(1) That the evidence did not support the information; (2) that the only sheep which defendant refused to shear were Scott's sheep, and that there was no evidence that any agreement was made by the defendant to shear Scott's sheep; (3) that the evidence showed that the defendant completed the only work which he had contracted to do for the complainant, Innes. The whole point of the dispute was whether under the contract M'Donald and fellow-shearers undertook to shear other sheep than those belonging to Boonaldoon station.

After argument,

His Honor said he thought the matter was too clear for argument. The agreement was one by which the shearers undertook to shear certain sheep. Prima facie that meant the sheep on Boonaldoon station, and that was borne out by the surrounding circumstances and the evidence given by the manager of the station that it was not contemplated at the time the contract was signed that Scott's sheep were to be included. There was also the fact that a different price was to be paid for the shearing of Scott's sheep. He was therefore of opinion that appellant was wrongly prosecuted and convicted, and that respondent Innes must or should have known that Scott's sheep did not come under the contract.

Rule absolute for a prohibition, with costs.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. F. H. Salusbury.)

SINGLE MEETING.

Re Max Leo Marks. The examination was concluded.

EXAMINATIONS UNDER SECTION 30.

Re Arthur Edward Cooper. The examination was declared closed.

Re Simeon Solomon Moses. The examination was declared closed.

CREDITORS' PETITION DISMISSED.

John Bridge and Co., Ltd., v Alexander Archibald Miller. The petition was dismissed. The hearing was adjourned from the previous day on a question of costs. An order of sequestration had been made at the instance of another creditor, and the Registrar, in dismissing the petition of John Bridge and Co., Ltd., declined to allow costs out of the estate, but directed that the costs incurred by John Bridge and Co., Ltd., in connection with their petition be paid by bankrupt before the issue of a certificate of discharge.

CREDITOR'S PETITION FILED.

Fitt Charles Petrie, of 58 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, v Lauretta Doughty, of 35 Rose-street, Sydney, married woman. Petition to be heard on December 13.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATION.

William David Hooker, of Bellingen, labourer. Mr. Lloyd, official assignee.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Rogers.)

A COMMISSION CASE.

Mills v the City Mutual Life Assurance Society.

Mr. Alex. Thomson, instructed by Messrs. John Williamson and Sons, appeared for plaintiff; and Mr. W. Coyle, instructed by Mr. P. J. O'Donnell, for defendants. This was an action by John Yelverton Mills, auctioneer and commission agent, to recover from the City Mutual Life Assurance Society, Ltd., £81 5s commission, at 2½ per cent., alleged to be due on the sale of certain property in Kent-street, which realised £5250. The defence was not indebted, and that the company decided only to accept an offer from the plaintiff in the event of their not being bound by a previous offer.

The case stands part heard.

(Before Judge Murray and juries.)

A TRAM ACCIDENT.

Aulbury v Chief Commissioner.

Mr. W. J. Curtis, instructed by Mr. F. J. Tanner, appeared for plaintiffs; and Dr. Brissenden, instructed by the Solicitor for Railways, for defendant. This was an action by Elizabeth Aulbury and Alonzo Aulbury, her husband, of 100 Buckland-street, Alexandria, to recover compensation from the Chief Railway Commissioner for injuries sustained by Mrs. Aulbury through the alleged negligence of the defendant's servants in the management of an electric tram. Damages were laid at £2000. Mrs. Aulbury was alighting from a tram at the corner of Mitchell-road and Buckland-street, Alexandria. She placed one foot on the ground, and while she had the other on the footboard the tram moved off suddenly, throwing her violently on her back. She was taken in an unconscious condition to the hospital, where she remained a week and she was subsequently laid up for a long time at home, being unable to carry out her ordinary duties of washing and nursing. The defendant admitted liability, and the question for the jury was simply one for the assessment of damages.

The jury returned a verdict for plaintiffs, assessing the damages at £200 in the case of Mrs. Aulbury, and £85 for the male plaintiff.

ALLEGED WRONGFUL DISMISSAL.

Mr. R. Windeyer, instructed by Messrs. Ash and M'Lean, appeared for plaintiff; and Mr. Ralston, K.C., and Mr. A. W. Ralston, instructed by Messrs. Stephen, Jaques, and Stephen, for the defendants.

In this matter Julius Ellis, of John-street, Petersham, brought an action against Moffatt-Virtue, Ltd., of 7 Bent-street, to recover £200 damages for alleged breach of agreement. Plaintiff affirmed that defendants engaged him on April 1, 1906, as representative and expert engineer salesman for 12 months at a salary of £5 per week, with an allowance of 8s per day while travelling in the country and canvassing business. He was dismissed before the expiration of the term agreed upon. Defendants denied the alleged breach, and pleaded that the contract was rescinded by mutual consent.

The case stands part heard.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

(Before his Honor Judge Heydon.)

HENWOOD v BROWN.

Montagu Henwood (secretary of the Journeymen Farriers' Union) proceeded against Hy. Brown and J. Brennan for a breach of the award in working an employee at an earlier hour than that stipulated in the award. Mr. Croft appeared for the union, and Mr. Leslie Gannon for the defendant. For the defence it was stated that customers of long-standing required early attention, and that the employee in the aggregate worked one hour less per week than was demanded in the award.

His Honor, in giving his decision, said since the award conditions were the opposite of what they were before the award was made. In the old days there was unrestricted competition, and the men had to stand together for mutual support. But the public were splendidly protected. It suited their conditions. Now the reverse was the case. The award protected the workmen, but the public lost the protection they previously had. The public convenience was ignored, or, at least, it did not occupy first place. No one was on the board to speak on behalf of the public. It was said in a paper recently that "you can train the public to anything." This award has been so drawn up as to create a strong temptation to break away. Employers could not pay the wages, and so took their employees into partnership. In this case the customers wanted early attention, and defendant provided it, but it might be that he got the customers of other shops by so doing. The award should be modified. It was not a cruel hardship to have to work at 6 instead of 6.30 a.m. But there had been a breach, and defendant must not violate the award. He should seek to amend it. There should be overtime, if the convenience of the public demand it. It was a hard and fast ironclad award, but, still, it must not be broken.

A fine of £1 was imposed, with £1 1s costs.

HENWOOD v McDONNELL.

Montagu Henwood proceeded against T. G. McDonnell for a breach of the award in paying an employee less than the prescribed wage.

His Honor said that this was evidently a trade in which the men suffered very much before the award was made. But in this case the employee and his parents were perfectly willing that he should work for the wage paid by defendant. He was a lad of 17 or 18 years, and, clearly, his help was not of a very high money value. He certainly could not get a floorman's wage of £2 12s 6d. His Honor did not say for a moment that the stipulated wages were higher than the men deserved, but there was such a thing as straining at a thing until it breaks. This was not a case of sweating, but nevertheless it was a breach of the award. McDonnell should have got exemption, or an amendment of the award. A fine of £2 2s, with £1 1s costs, was imposed.

TRAMWAY CAR BOARD.

Joseph Harrison was nominated as employees' representative on the Government Railway and Tramway Board in place of Jas. Twyford, resigned.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

(Before Mr. Acting Justice Docker and jury.)

Mr. C. A. White Crown Prosecutor.

H. R. COX'S DEATH.

CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Stanislaus Dyktor, a young foreigner, was charged with the manslaughter of Henry Robert Cox, at Sydney, on September 3, 1909.

Mr. D. Levy defended the accused.

In stating the case for the Crown, the Crown Prosecutor said that the accused was on a visit to Australia, and had been a guest at the Arcadia Hotel. He had there conducted experiments in electroplating, in which he had employed powerful poisons, including cyanide of potassium. On leaving the hotel Dyktor left a bottle containing a solution of cyanide of potassium on the dressing table, which he assumed would be emptied and cleansed by the housemaid in the course of her duties. Accused's room was afterwards occupied by the deceased and his wife. The deceased, who was in delicate health, came to his room late at night, and had a drink from some vessel in the room. Shortly after he was seized with a fit of vomiting, and died. A post mortem examination revealed traces of cyanide of potassium in the deceased's system.

Mrs. Ethel Catharine Cox, widow of the deceased, gave evidence to the effect that she was awakened by the sound of her husband vomiting. She tasted the contents of the bottle from which her husband had drunk, and found them like soda.

The accused entered the witness-box. He said he was a journalist, and had edited several Parisian journals. He was here for the purpose of collecting information. Witness arrived at the Hotel Arcadia at the end of July. Regarding the glass vessel which had contained the solution, the housemaid brought it to his room when asked for some tepid water. In it he had mixed up some chemicals for experimental purposes, and had placed the vessel, after having first covered it with paper, behind a mirror on the dressing table. Witness left for Newcastle on September 2. Previous to leaving the hotel he had collected a lot of rubbish, consisting of torn letters, cigar boxes, and some novels, which he placed on the dressing table. In this rubbish he put the vessel, thinking that it would, in the ordinary course, be thrown away. Although he had furnished a statement to the police authorities, he did not know that he was to be charged until after the Coroner's inquest, at which he had been witness, and perfectly willing to give all the assistance he could.

In cross-examination, witness said that he did not know that the solution was a powerful poison.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

His Honor, to the accused: I quite concur with the verdict. At the same time, I think it is my duty to warn you in future to be very careful when dealing with chemicals or other matters of the nature of which you know nothing or little.

Dyktor was therefore discharged.

MURDER CHARGE.

JURY DISAGREE.

The trial of Alfred George Selby, charged with the murder of his wife, Elizabeth Selby, at Sydney, on August 20, was continued.

Mr. P. K. White appeared for the accused.

The jury, who had been locked up since the previous night, were unable to return a verdict.

His Honor said that these disagreements were becoming a very serious matter. This was the third occasion during the present sittings of the Court on which juries, after giving hours of consideration to cases, had failed to arrive at a decision. It was certainly a very serious matter, and would be, he thought, considered by the Legislature.

His Honor asked the jury to again retire.

The jury returned after a couple of hours' absence, and the foreman stated, in answer to his Honor, that there was no likelihood of their coming to an agreement.

His Honor said that he had kept the jury longer than the ordinary 12 hours. They could be kept for an indefinite time, but as there was no chance of their agreeing, it was utterly absurd to go on keeping them together. It seemed to him, his Honor continued, to be a reflection on the administration of justice to think that a jury could not agree in a case like this, because they had the evidence, and the evidence was clear enough to enable them to arrive at a decision.

The jury were accordingly discharged, and accused was remanded.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Backhouse and juries.)

Mr. Herbert Harris, Crown Prosecutor.

AT THE TURNSTILES.

George Carrick, a young man, was charged with stealing a purse, £10 in money, and a foreign coin from the person of Norman Crossland Ampt, at Sydney, on November 6, 1909.

Mr. Carter Smith appeared for the accused.

The evidence was that prosecutor missed his purse while waiting at the change window on the Manly wharf. He put his hand into his hip pocket for the purpose of getting his money, when he felt something at his pocket, and the purse was gone. Standing immediately behind prosecutor was the accused, and when he called out, "Who has taken my purse?" the accused directed attention to some man, who accused said had also tried to take his money. At the time prosecutor turned round Carrick's hand was close to the pocket from which the purse had been taken. Accused gave several different names when under custody. A search at the station did not disclose any of the missing property.

Carrick made a statement from the box, denying any knowledge of the matter. He said that he had a special reason for not disclosing his proper name.

The jury, after a short retirement, returned a verdict of guilty. The police gave evidence that Carrick was known as an expert pickpocket.

Prisoner was remanded for sentence.

JURY DISAGREE.

In the case of Isaac Smith and Michael Stapleton, who were on trial on a charge of maliciously wounding John Robert Lake, the jury, who had been locked up for the night, announced that they could not agree. The accused were bound over to appear if called upon.

NOT GUILTY.

Paul Peter Dunn, a young man, pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault.

Mr. Parker appeared for the accused.

As the chief Crown witnesses were a girl of five and a boy of seven his Honor, who was not satisfied that they could give satisfactory evidence, directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. The accused was accordingly discharged.

Nellie Sterling, Henry Stewart, and Edith Neal pleaded not guilty to a charge of stealing a quantity of articles from the dwelling-house of Millie Smith, at Sydney, on October 18, 1909.

Mr. Panker appeared for accused.

The jury, without leaving the box, returned a verdict of not guilty, and the accused were therefore discharged.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before Mr. H. A. G. Currie (President) and Messrs. C. Brandis and W. Houston, Commissioners.)

DECISIONS RESERVED.

The Court reserved decisions in the following matters:—

Reference by the Minister for determination of the price of the land comprised in John Field's additional conditional purchase No. 1909-14, Lismore, being a conversion of his special lease No. 4112, Lismore.

Mr. Sheridan appeared for the respondent.

The appeal by J. R. Black against the appraised price of the land comprised in his original conditional purchase No. 1909-5, Lismore, being a conversion of his homestead selection No. 1895-3, Lismore, and the reference by the Minister for determination of the price of the land comprised in John Robert Black's original conditional purchase No. 1909-5, Lismore, being a conversion of his homestead selection No. 1895-3, Lismore, were taken together.

Mr. Pike appeared for the appellant.

TO STAND OVER.

The hearing of the appeal by J. P. J. Bell against the appraised annual rental of conditional lease No. 2298, Walgett, was ordered to stand over to the next sittings of the Court in Sydney.

QUESTION OF REASONABLE TIME.

IMPORTANT REFERENCE MATTER.

The Court gave its decision in the matter of the appeal by Charles Binnie against the appraised annual rental of conditional lease No. 22769, Gunnedah.

The President said: The first 15-year period of the lease in question expired on January 20, 1907. The reference by the Minister, under section 35 of the Act of 1895, was signed on December 21, 1908,—viz., after an interval of nearly two years from the former date. Section 40 of the Act of 1908 provides that a reference by the Minister made prior to the commencement of that Act shall not be invalid by reason only that it was not made within 12 months after the expiration of the said first period, but any reference made after the commencement of the Act shall be made within 12 months after the expiration of such period. The appellant's counsel contended that if a reference before the Act of 1908 was not made within the 12 months the question had to be decided whether it had been made within a reasonable time, and stress was laid on the fact that the words "twelve months" appear twice in the section. The section might have easily been transposed in drafting, and had it been I think the argument would have lost much of its ingenuity. The words "twelve months" were, it seems to me, used in the earlier part of the section because they were used in the later part of the section. It cannot be denied that a reference made 23 months after the expiration of the 15 years was not made within 12 months after such expiration. The case appears to me to be covered by the section. I read the section broadly to mean that any future reference must be made within the 12 months, but any past reference need not have been made within the 12 months, and the fact that a period of 12 months was exceeded does not invalidate the reference. A new standard was adopted which governs future references but does not affect those made before the Act of 1908 commenced.

Mr. Commissioner Brandis said:—I am of opinion that the view of the law taken by counsel for appellant, viz., that if a reference made before the passing of the Act of 1908 was not made within the 12 months the only matter to be decided was whether it had been made within a reasonable time, and, this being so, the question arises, was the reference before us so made? On the evidence before us I do not think it was made within a reasonable time, and that the appeal should be sustained.

Mr. Commissioner Houston said: The Minister's reference under section 35 of the Act of 1895 was, it appears, received by the board on December 23, 1908, i.e., 23 months after the expiry of the first 15 years' period of the lease. Mr. Pike, on behalf of the appellant, contends that this reference was not made within a reasonable time. Having been made prior to the commencement of the Act of 1908, the reference falls within the scope of section 40 (sub-section 1) of that Act, which provides that "notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 35 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895 an application by any conditional lessee, or a reference by the Minister, made prior to the commencement of this Act, shall not be invalid by reason only that such application or reference was not made within 12 months after the expiration of the said first period of the lease." It was argued by counsel for the appellant that the sub-section is to be construed as meaning that a period of 12 months is allowed to the Minister to refer, and to the lessee to apply, to have the rent for the term following the expiry of the first 15 years of the lease determined by the land board, and that in the case of a reference or application made prior to the commencement of the Act of 1908 the question of a reasonable time comes in. Having carefully considered the question since the Court rose yesterday I have come to the conclusion that the true construction of the sub-section is that put by counsel, as otherwise it is difficult to see what effective meaning can be given to the words "within 12 months," which are used in the sub-section in question. I think, on the evidence before the Court, it cannot be said the reference has been made within a reasonable time, and the appeal should be sustained.

The President: Appeal by majority (the President dissenting) sustained so far as grounds 4 and 5 are concerned. Deposit to be refunded.

Mr. Pike appeared for appellant.

LAW NOTICES.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8.

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

At 10.30 a.m., for hearing: The Chief Commissioner of Railways and Tramways v the Attorney-General of New South Wales (part heard); the City Bank of Sydney v McLaughlin.

SUPREME COURT.

Cause Lists.—Banco Causes, in the Banco Court, St. James'-road.—Wheeler v the Mount Pleasant Coal and Iron Mining Company, Ltd. (part heard).

Notice to Jurors.—The jurors in attendance at Banco Court, and who were instructed by the Judge to look in this morning's papers as to attendance, will not be further required. The jurors engaged in the above part heard case are requested to attend at 10 a.m.

No. 1 Causes, in No. 1 Court, King-street.—Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd., v the Municipal Council of Sydney (part heard). No. 1 Causes, in No. 4 Court, King-street.—At 10 a.m.: Koellner v Breese (part heard). At 12 noon: Wheatley v Siggs and another.

Notice to Jurors.—The jurors in attendance at No. 4 Court, and who were instructed by the Judge to look in this morning's papers as to attendance, need not attend until 12 noon. The jurors engaged in the above part heard case are requested to attend at 10 a.m.

No. 2 Causes, in No. 3 Court, King-street.—At 10 a.m.: McDonald v Campbell (part heard). At 2 p.m.: Edmunds v Fox.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary.—The Lancashire and Yorkshire Reversionary Interest Company, Ltd., and Andrew v Thornbury and another, at 10 a.m.; Stanwell Park Hotel Company, Ltd., v the Minister, at 11 a.m.; Rees v Rees, 2.15 p.m.; Richardson v Richardson and McKay, 3 p.m.; same v same, 3.15 p.m.

Before the Chief Clerk.—Cody v Cody, at 10.15 a.m.; Veroce v Veroce, 10.15 a.m.

Chamber List.—At 9.30 a.m.: Frisken v Byrnes, special case (part heard); Jackson v Way, Way claimant, Sheriff's interpleader; Condon v Condon, Condon claimant, Sheriff's interpleader; Condon v Condon, the Dairy Farmers' Co-operative Milk Co., Ltd., garnishees, for payment.

In Equity.—Before the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Macpherson v Macpherson, motion for injunction; Municipality of Canterbury v Fraser, motion for decree; Schweppes, Ltd., v E. Rowlands Proprietary, Ltd. (part heard).

Before Mr. Justice Street.—No. 2 Jury Court.—At 10 a.m.: Miller v Morris (part heard).

Before the Deputy Registrar.—11 a.m.: Municipal Council of Sydney and Turnbull, to tax costs. 11.30 a.m.: Garrett v Phillips, to tax costs. 12 noon: Haydon v Palmer, to settle minutes of order. 2 p.m.: Grand United Gold-mining Company, to moderate bill of costs.

Probate Jurisdiction.—The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office:—John Dent, 10.15; Jacob Albert Moss, 10.30; Jane Scott, 11; Frederick Maxwell Charters, 11.15; Roderick McKay, 11.30; Rebecca Ann Reilly, 11.45; Annie Margaret Diamond, 12.15; Eva Christina Dean, 12.45.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Registrar, at 10 a.m.—Motions for release: Henry Peak, Philip Anderson (otherwise known as Philip Cecil Davis), Philip Cecil Davis. Special meeting for proof of debt of official assignee: Isaac Butts. Certificate applications: Ezra Cooper, Rowland Arthur Barrett, William Foord, George Murchison Mackenzie, Baraket Ali Khan. Single meetings: A. L. Mack, George Postle, Anstruther Harro Billson. Examination under sec. 30: Joseph Boozard.

Before the Chief Clerk, at 10.15 a.m.—Taxation of costs under order of October 22, 1909: Alfred Thoren.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

Jarrett Johnson, arson.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

Joseph Barden, breaking and entering and stealing; Annie Craig, receiving; David Fry, larceny; Clara Peak, larceny.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Murray and a jury, in No. 1 Court, at 10 a.m.—Ellis v Moffat-Virtue, Limited (part heard).

Before the Judge without a jury.—Marshall v Millar.

Before his Honor Judge Rogers, K.C., in No. 2 Court, at 10 a.m.—Mills v the City Mutual Life Assurance Society, Limited (part heard), Salier v Tolhurst, Mutch v Frawley, Tilley v De Lauret.

Before the Registrar, at 10.30 a.m.—Gail and another v Boswarva.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

Probate Court, Queen's-square.—Before his Honor Judge Heydon, at 10 a.m.—For hearing: Re Government Railways and Tramways (Car) Board, for nomination of employees' representative; re Sawmill Employees' (Country) Board, for nomination of members and chairman, and to consider the varying of the area in the recommendation.

AH WEEY AGAIN CHARGED.

ALLEGED FALSE STATEMENT.

Ah Weey, 44, a Chinese dealer, was charged at the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., with having, on October 6 last, knowingly made a false statement in answer to a question put to him by Customs Officer Donohoe—which question was necessary to determine whether Ah Weey was a prohibited immigrant—the question being, "Are you the person mentioned in this certificate of naturalisation?" The alleged false answer was, "Yes."

It will be remembered that recently Ah Weey was charged with being a prohibited immigrant, but he called a lot of evidence to show that he had previously been in Australia, and had taken out letters of naturalisation. He left Australia to visit his parents in China, remained away some years, and upon his return to Sydney was not allowed to land. He, however, eventually landed under an order by Mr. Justice Cohen, but was immediately called upon to answer a charge of being a prohibited immigrant. After hearing a large amount of evidence, the magistrate held that he was not a prohibited immigrant, and he was discharged.

The second charge arose out of the first.

Customs Inspector Donohoe stated that on October 6 last he saw accused on the Empire on its arrival at Sydney from China. He saw the passengers mustered, and asked the accused if he was for Melbourne, and if his name was Ah Weey. Witness had previously received from the purser the certificate of naturalisation, produced, and asked accused if he were Ah Weey, and received an affirmative reply. The question was necessary to determine whether accused was a prohibited immigrant or not.

Witness was present at the police station when accused was questioned by the police, and heard him give his age as 44 years. Witness was present with Customs Officer M'Manus on the ship when accused gave the same answers, and gave his age as 44.

Mr. Holman (instructed by the Commonwealth Solicitor), who appeared for the prosecution, tendered the evidence taken in the previous case, and it was admitted.

Ah Weey, the accused, said that he was a vegetable dealer, and was the person mentioned in the papers of naturalisation. Any discrepancies made by him with regard to his age to Customs officers in Melbourne and Sydney were due to bad interpreting. Chinese from different provinces spoke a language that was not understood by all. He never made any false statement.

Mr. P. H. Sullivan, who appeared for the accused, contended that no evidence had been adduced by the prosecution to prove Ah Weey's guilt. It was the most novel prosecution he (Mr. Sullivan) had been engaged in. A conviction was asked for because accused had been guilty of a few inconsistencies and contradictions. In making his application for a certificate of naturalisation, through another person, there was a discrepancy in age, but there was not a scrap of evidence that accused was not Ah Weey. He held that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant a conviction. Already it had been decided that Ah Weey was not a prohibited immigrant, and he asked that he be discharged.

Mr. Holman said that he relied on the evidence of the various persons called for the defence in the charge previously heard. The certificate of naturalisation was issued to a man who went to China, and returned by the steamer Airlie in 1897. No witness for the defence mentioned the absence of accused during that time while two specifically contradicted the statement of accused in that connection. He referred to the evidence given by one witness for the defence who had emphatically stated that accused had worked with him almost on the same round for a period that covered that during which the owner of the naturalisation papers was in China. Not one says that accused was away in China during 1896-7, striking testimony that accused was not the rightful owner of the papers. None of accused's witnesses in the previous case knew him as Ah Weey until after 1897 and he (Mr. Holman) suggested that he was impersonating that man from that date, so that he might take advantage of the papers, which had somehow or other come into his possession—his desire being to be known as Ah Weey, and fit the papers. He held that accused was not the rightful owner of the papers, who, if he were alive to-day, would be 60 years of age, whereas accused on his own statement was only 44 years old.

The accused was found guilty, and fined £20, or in default two months' gaol.

Notice of appeal was given.

JUVENILE STRIKERS.

THE BISCUIT BOYS.

In the Industrial Court yesterday John Saunders, Henry Robinson, and John Kauner, the lads recently in the employ of Robert Roderick Hardman, biscuit manufacturer, were proceeded against under section 42 of the Industrial Disputes Act for taking part in a strike. The three lads pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Cochrane, on behalf of the Sydney Labour Council, asked for an adjournment, in order to secure counsel for the defendants.

Mr. Windeyer, for the prosecution, objected, as there had been plenty of time to secure counsel since the summons, which was served on December 1. The boys had been prepared to plead guilty but for the interference of the Sydney Labour Council.

His Honor granted an adjournment until Friday.

CAB UPSET.

CROWD'S RESPECT FOR PROPERTY.

Early yesterday morning a cab, driven by Geo. Hughes, aged 53, of Crown-street, struck an obstruction near the intersection of Bridge and Young streets. The vehicle turned over, and Hughes fell heavily. The passenger was unhurt. Some men exerted a great deal of effort to right the cab, and in the meanwhile the cabman lay bleeding profusely from wounds in the head. After a while a man came up, and suggested the likelihood of the injured man bleeding to death. He then ran for the Civil Ambulance, and Hughes was taken to Sydney Hospital, where it was found that his injuries were not serious, though his nose was fractured.

ECZEMA DEFIED HOSPITALS.

"I contracted my disease at school in London, England, when I was fourteen years old—I am now thirty-three. My father put me under the care of our family physician, who diagnosed my disease as itch. But after several months' treatment without receiving any benefit, I was advised to go to a hospital. I attended the —— Hospital, London. Then, and on two other occasions, without my getting any benefit, they treated me for eczema. My next attempt was trying different ointments from doctors and druggists. Then I tried patent medicines, including ——, ——, and ——.

"The disease was confined to face, arms, and legs, my face being actually raw at times. I came to America thirteen years ago, but my face became worse, if possible. When in New York City I was advised to go to —— Hospital, whence I was sent to the —— Hospital in Brooklyn. I was put under the care of Professor ——, but this also added to the number of unsuccessful attempts. I returned home to England, and tried the —— Hospital, Liverpool, the —— Hospital, London, also the world-famed London —— Hospital, but without getting cured. I came back to America five years ago. I had overlooked the Cuticura Remedies dozens of times, but three months ago I decided to give Cuticura a trial, and I can safely say I am cured of one of the most torturing skin diseases a man ever had. Richard Curley, New Canaan, Conn., U.S.A., Jan. 10, 1909."

"I am familiar with Mr. Curley's case and his cure, and believe his statement to be true. John F. Burke, New Canaan, Conn."

NOTE.—All the names left blank are given in full in Mr. Curley's letter. Reference: R. Towns and Co., Sydney.—Advt.

Don't try experiments when feeding baby, but use NESTLE'S MILK.—Advt.

THE DEFAMATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL moved in the Legislative Council last night the second reading of the Defamation (Amendment) Bill, and said that the object was to afford certain protection to newspapers publishing matters of public interest, and to amend certain defects in the present law. It gave absolute protection to the publication of statements made in courts of justice, in Parliament, and before naval and military inquiries. The gist of the bill was contained in clause 5, and provision was also made in clauses 7 and 10 to protect the proprietors of newspapers from blackmailing actions under which newspapers were now unjustly subjected to heavy expense. It was well known to lawyers that persons very often, where they knew they had no chance in a civil action for libel, resorted to threats of criminal proceedings in order to extort money from newspapers. The amendment had been required for many years.

Mr. FOSBERY said he hoped that some consideration in Committee would be given to sub-clause "C" of clause 5. People, if not actualy blackmailed, had been subjected to a considerable amount of pain and unpleasantness, and perhaps their descendants also, simply because in courts of justice persons had gone back to bygone times, and their statements had been afterwards published in the newspapers. He trusted that in committee a proviso would be attached to subclause "C" that proceedings in criminal courts of justice must be published concurrently, or nearly concurrently, with the time at which the trial took place.

Mr. TRICKETT said there was no objection whatever to the protection proposed to be given with regard to bona fide accounts of public proceedings. The bill would enable the press to publish an account of public proceedings without any penalty attaching which heretofore it could not do. Not only could daily reports be given, but by certain subclauses of clause 5 the newspapers could give extracts or abstracts of the proceedings. They could pick out particular dainty bits of something said in Parliament. There were many papers that would not do this, but there were others that might put prejudicial and very unfair accounts of what had been said in Parliament, and that kind of thing would be absolutely protected if the bill became law. If anyone got up in Parliament and unfairly attacked a reputable citizen, and the statement was published, it was only a reasonable thing that the newspaper should be compelled also to publish any explanation submitted by the person defamed.

Mr. GULLETT said he could not help speaking from the point of view of a journalist. The bill was one which he was sure would be received with thankfulness by the newspaper press. It carried out a long-desired reform, and would effect an amendment of the law which had long furnished matters of complaint throughout New South Wales. He did not, however, think it would give unqualified satisfaction. There were some provisions which were objectionable, and the bill had only come after amendments had been embodied in the law as to defamation in the other States of the Commonwealth and in the mother country. This State dealt with the matter in rather a grudging and niggardly way, and the amendment had come very tardily indeed. Even now the proposed bill fell short of the law as it existed in other parts of the British Empire. It contained one clause which was a great blot, and one which was unprecedented in other parts of the Empire. It would qualify the satisfaction with which the bill would otherwise be received. As to the points raised by Messrs. Fosbery and Trickett in reference to clause 5, the two objections were fairly met by the first paragraph of the clause providing that the matter must be printed in good faith. That, it seemed to him, would apply to sub-clause "c." If the report was published in good faith, that met the objection. If proceedings of five years ago were published by a newspaper it would be impossible to say that it was done in good faith in the interests of the public, and it would be difficult to exonerate the newspaper from a charge of something like animus, which would invalidate the good faith, which was a requirement to make the privilege a valid one. Clause 12, providing that the name of a writer, etc., should be disclosed, That was a dangerous and sinister provision—(Hear, hear)—and one which, so far as he was aware, did not exist in any defamation Act in any other British community. If it could be given effect to it would be a danger to the community. In many cases the publisher or proprietor of a newspaper would be bound as a matter of honour to refuse to disclose the name of the writer, and no decision of a Judge would relieve him, after he had accepted and published the article, from keeping the name to himself. The clause would be reactionary, and no one knew how far back the reaction might carry. The bill, as far as it went, was, however, an improvement upon the existing law, and would be beneficial not only to newspapers but to the community. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. MACINTOSH did not see how they could prove either good or bad faith in regard to the publication of a statement. He would vote against the bill simply because it might establish a lot of agencies in the shape of trade protection societies, which would do more harm than good to the community.

Mr. GARLAND said that the sub-clause of clause 5 relating to good faith was a revolution in the present law, and swept away all the old safeguards. A newspaper had neither to prove that the matter complained of was true, nor that it was published for the public benefit. It was sufficient if it said it was published in good faith, and for the information of the public. Why should a newspaper have a right to vilify a man's character, and then turn round and say that it was published in good faith? The clause was a dangerous one, and he would not support it. He did not share Mr. Gullett's fear as to the effect of clause 12, because it would be only in extreme cases that a Judge would require the publication of the name of the writer of an article. Taken as a whole, the bill was an advance upon the present law, and would give the press an increase of liberty which he was sure would not in the majority of cases be abused.

Mr. DANGAR said that though the bill was a good one, he thought that while the press should receive immunity in regard to matters which were published in good faith, and in the interests of the community, no provision was made for mischievous comment which might do an infinite amount of harm.

The VICE-PRESIDENT: There the newspapers are not protected now.

Mr. DANGAR said that as far as he could see very little was said about the matter in the bill. With that exception the bill appeared to be a desirable change in the law.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL replied. He was prepared to give every consideration to the matters pointed out.

The second reading was agreed to, the measure was committed pro forma, and leave given to sit again on the following day.

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE WHEAT CROP.

IN THE CENTRAL WEST.

THE WELLINGTON CROP.

IV.

There is always a refreshing greenness about Orange, but when approaching the Wellington district there is a happy contrast to this time last year. Then one entered amongst withered crops, bare paddocks, and general drought. The country from Wellington along the Western line has had a hard time the last couple of seasons—hard enough to make one wonder if wheat-growing was worth while. When dry conditions did not work havoc, grasshoppers and other pests did.

Undeterred, the wheatgrowers not only hung on to the plough, but pluckily drove it through a large area, sowing some 15,000 more acres, and happily are now enjoying a handsome reward. While the yield will not reach the figures bright anticipations once painted, or, indeed, the figure that many people at present confidently count upon, this will, nevertheless, be a prosperous season for this part of the State. There have been drawbacks—there always are in wheat-growing, as in most things where exceptionally rich rewards are attainable—and untimely rain, hail, and wind storms will affect the yield, badly in some cases. But the general average will be good.

Owing probably to the experience of past years, the early estimates in the Wellington district were not as optimistic as in most parts of the State, the yield in these columns in October being put down at 12 bushels. Probably that forecast will be nearer than any made so early, for at the present time results indicate a yield closely approximating to that amount. Owing to the heavy growth of the crops, a much greater area has been cut for hay than was anticipated, but nothing, of course, like last season, when 75 per cent. of the crop was cut. It is possible that a good portion of this will be threshed for grain. There is a good threshing plant in the district.

If this is done it will be a good thing as not only will the wheat be obtained, and less lost than with the stripper or harvester, but the ground will be kept cleaner. It must be recognised that there is plenty of room for improvement in the local methods of farming. That is fully shown by the prevalence of very dirty crops. The large area being cut for hay should be beneficial in this direction, although it is not enough as a remedy. Fallowing and rotation are essentials to wheat-growing that are at present little adopted.

Better returns at less expense would be obtained, also if drills were more generally used. At present they are the exception, farming is carried out on the old lines, and if a season like the present has to be depended upon for a recovery, something more than periodical recoveries should be achieved in a naturally rich district, and this will only follow upon more progressive steps being taken by the wheatgrowers as a body.

The slight increase in the area under wheat in this State in past years is always a matter of great concern in many quarters, and has of course an important bearing on the question of closer settlement. While a rapid increase is eminently desirable, it is just as desirable that there should be a considerable increase in yield from even a smaller area. This would indicate that the land was being better cared for, and less labour and time wasted.

Such a development would have a radical bearing upon the always keen issue of a living area. As it is, the amount of dirty crops is getting a serious question, as it seems certain that unless a pronounced change takes place in farming methods, a big area of country will have to go out of use because it will be impossible to raise a crop on it clean enough to be profitable. There are too many crops to be seen with as much canary grass and wild oats seeding as there is wheat in ear.

The grain is a good sample, but a lot of the crop ripened too quickly. Some of the crops are very light, and the heads weak and partly filled. Heavy storms within the last couple of weeks have knocked some of the crops down, but the losses, while heavy, were patchy, and few and far between. One grower estimates his loss at £1000, and another at £1500.

In the Suntop district the crops generally are hardly up to last season, when this locality experienced a very good season, being one of the best quarters in the west. Plenty of crops, which look well enough, are not giving more, sometimes less, than three and four bags. They were slightly touched by rust, and the heavy growth of foliage caused the crops to be attacked by insects.

At the same time there are some splendid yields, 20 to 25 bushels being common, and higher results being obtained in choice spots, portions of paddocks, etc. "Federation" has proved a disappointing crop in this district in many cases this year, the yield being light and showing up badly compared with "Bobs" and "Comeback." This is evidently due to the wet winter and spring. In the case of one large grower at Suntop "Federation" grown on new ground and put in the earliest of any is the poorest crop he has, running only nine bushels.

This experience may affect the high estimation in which this popular variety is held by many farmers. "Bobs" and "Comeback," while yielding better this season, always command a higher price in the market, up to 3d per bushel. At the same time many growers argue that the heavier yields of "Federation" in the past make it the more profitable wheat. The Suntop part of the district will not average more than 10 to 11 bushels over the area stripped.

When the proportion cut for hay is remembered it will be seen that the general estimate must be under what appears at first glance. This is particularly so hereabouts, as the impression from the railway carriage window, for instance, is splendid. At Dripstone, before Wellington is reached, the train runs through a series of fine-looking paddocks, which will give a good return. There is not a very large area in that centre, however, and a lot of it has been cut. At Geurie, another rich corner of the district, there will be a good average, somewhere about 20 bushels, and some of the crops are going over 30 bushels.

Taking the actual area sown for grain in the Wellington district the average will be 11 bushels, which will be increased if any large quantity is threshed for grain, as will probably happen. There is a regrettable absence of firebreaks in the district, taking it generally, and also little fallow land. The country looks well, and local landholders must be in better heart than has been the case for the last three years, which should mean a still larger area cultivated next year, and a general diffusion of prosperity. And the past will cause this to be keenly appreciated.

ITEMS.

Our special representative, writing on the comparative failure of the Federation variety of wheat in some farms round Wellington, mentions the wet winter and spring as a probable cause. It may have been sown too early, as Federation may be called a mid-season wheat. About the middle of May is the best time to sow it, as it then has about the proper period to come to maturity at harvest.

What may be called the Agricultural Department wheats can be divided into three classes—early, mid-season, and late. Cleveland, Jonathan, and Sussex are varieties which may be sown early in the season, and mature rather late. Federation and Bobs are mid-season varieties; and Comeback, Bunyip, and They should be sown late—even in June.

In the farmers' experimental plots at Wyalong the best yield was obtained from Federation. In many of the other plots this species is showing up remarkably well—far ahead of the older varieties of wheat. It is reported that at Wyalong its yield was more than 40 bushels to the acre.

With regard to the manure trials on the experimental plots, the returns show that in most districts the use of superphosphate had decidedly beneficial effects, and that in more the addition of small quantities of sulphate of potash to the superphosphate resulted in even greater yields.

A large yield of Comeback wheat is reported from Bective. Mr. R. Farthing purchased a bag for seed last year. He sowed it, and this season has reaped 63 bags of splendid grain. Allowing a bushel to the acre, his crop yielded 63 bushels per acre.

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QUANTITIES UP TO THE HOLIDAYS.

Both graziers and the meat-consuming public will doubtless be interested in prospective fat stock supplies to the Homebush market during the next few weeks. So far, there have been no famine prices for stock, and the outlook for the next three weeks does not give promise for any. Indeed, values have been low.

At to-morrow's sales the supplies of sheep and cattle promise to be ample for the demand in the present state of trade. Upwards of 505 sheep vans and 144 cattle waggons are ordered to convey stock to the market for to-morrow. The numbers represent about 50,000 sheep and lambs, and about 1440 head of cattle.

With the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Limited, out of the market through the coal strike, and other sections of the trade hampered from a like cause, those supplies will probably be ample for trade requirements. As from to-morrow, however, the quantities, judging by the truck orderings, will be not nearly so large. The numbers of sheep vans and cattle trucks so far allotted for the four selling days after the 9th inst are as follow:—

Date.	Sheep vans.	Cattle waggons.
December 13	193	105
December 16	284	120(closed)
December 20	210	100
December 23	251	60

The orders for sheep vans are closed, thus those numbers practically represent the supplies. A sheep van averages about 100 sheep and lambs, and a cattle waggon 10 head of cattle. The orders for cattle trucks are likely to be kept within the limit of 120 trucks for each sale-day up to the 23rd inst.

There will be no sale-day on Monday, December 27, or January 3; the only sale-day following the Christmas holidays will be on December 30, and the first sale-day in the New Year will be on January 6.

THE CODLIN MOTH.

PESTS ACT REGULATIONS.

DEPARTMENT TO MR. M'KENZIE.

The Minister for Agriculture has prepared a reply to the letter from Mr. Hugh M'Kenzie, of Terara, which was published recently in these columns. Mr. Perry points out that:—

In January of this year Mr. M'Kenzie was served with a notice, under the Fruit Pests Act, to uproot and destroy, within 21 days, certain fruit trees which had not been treated in accordance with the regulations under that Act. The local fruit inspector had reported that there were about 140 trees in Mr. M'Kenzie's orchard badly infected with codlin moth.

On the day after the notice was served, it is explained that Mr. M'Kenzie addressed a letter to the department, but it did not contain the slightest reference to "pledging to do all that was possible to comply with every reasonable requirement," or "offering to lop off every doubtful branch, and cut off the trunks to within a few feet of the ground." A request was made for the trees to be allowed to remain, and a reply was made that this would be granted if the trees were treated in accordance with the regulations within the time allowed by the notice.

To comply with the regulations, the Minister adds, it would have been necessary only for Mr. M'Kenzie to bandage each tree and scrape off all the rough bark which would afford a shelter for the codlin moth larvae and pupa. He, however, evidently did not regard this as a "reasonable requirement," as, at the end of the 21 days covered by the notice, it was found that all the trees had not been treated as required. The local fruit inspector then made a special journey into Nowra from Mr. M'Kenzie's residence, and pointed out that the trees would be destroyed, as they were at that time badly infested with codlin moth; and Mr. M'Kenzie's statement that he received no notice is, the department says, quite incorrect. Two labourers were engaged for the work of destruction, and were engaged on it 13 days longer than the "hour or so" mentioned by Mr. M'Kenzie. The department charged Mr. M'Kenzie with the actual expenses incurred, and "that exorbitant charge of £10 18s" consisted of the wages of the two labourers at 7s per day, a few shillings for cartage of tools, and the salary and expenses of the fruit inspector for two days, on which he was solely engaged in connection with the matter.

The memorandum of the department continues:—"Mr. M'Kenzie appeared then to change his attitude, as he sought the inspector's advice regarding other trees in the orchard which might profitably be removed, and undertook to uproot about 60 of them. It is noted that Mr. M'Kenzie's letter to the press contains no reference to the trees which he voluntarily removed with his own labourers and team of bullocks."

As to the experiment plot which had been established on land offered by Mr. M'Kenzie, it is stated that the plot had been in use some time; and some time before Mr. M'Kenzie received the notice regarding the fruit trees he asked for payment of his expenses in working the plot. Following the usual procedure in connection with these plots, the department suggested to Mr. M'Kenzie that all accounts should be settled after the crops from the plot had been harvested. That plan had been found satisfactory in the case of the other plots conducted by the department in different parts of the State, and appeared to be satisfactory to Mr. M'Kenzie, as nothing more was heard from him until immediately after he received the notice directing destruction of his fruit trees. He then made a demand for payment of his expenses within 21 days (strange to note, the same time as he was allowed for treatment of his fruit trees), and this was followed by a claim for £44 15s 6d. It was pointed out to Mr. M'Kenzie that the charge was for working 17 acres, only 12 of which had been used by the department, and the balance had been sown to maize on his behalf, at his request. The charge also included the sum of £2 10s for removing stalks of a crop which occupied the land previously to the department taking charge, and which could not, therefore, fairly be debited to the experiment plot.

"Mr. M'Kenzie, however, refused to reduce his claim, and instituted proceedings for £53 14s 11d, which included the harvesting expenses of the crops. The department paid into court the sum of £27 5s 3d, and applied for a nonsuit, when Mr. M'Kenzie admitted in evidence that he held produce from the plot, of which £30 represented the share due to the department. The Judge, however, allowed Mr. M'Kenzie to amend his claim, which was then increased to over £90 for the whole of the 17 acres, or at the rate of over £5 per acre. The plaintiff eventually obtained judgment for a reduced amount. It is to be mentioned that the department was under the disadvantage of securing reliable local evidence as to a fair rate to be charged for the work done, as several farmers who could have given valuable evidence for the department refused to do so, as they did not care to appear against Mr. M'Kenzie, who is president of the Shoalhaven Agricultural Society.

"Other plots on the South Coast, which were sown at the same time and in the same way as the one under notice, cost £1 15s per acre to work. To this must be added £1 per acre, a very high allowance, for the increased cost of harvesting for grain, as was done on Mr. M'Kenzie's plot, and the total cost of the other South Coast plots would then average £2 15s per acre, as against over £5 per acre charged by Mr. M'Kenzie."

LAND BOARD CHAIRMAN.

At yesterday's meeting of the Executive Council Mr. R. M'Lean was appointed a member and acting-chairman of the Land Boards for the land districts of Balranald South, Deniliquin, Hay, Narrandera (as from December 6), and also a member and acting-chairman of the Hillston Land Board (as from December 13).

GROWING CROP COMPETITION.

WINNING CROPS AT WAGGA.

Some particulars of the growing crop competition arranged by the Murrumbidgee P. and A. Association are now available. Farmers, not only in Wagga's immediate district, but in more distant centres, such as Coolamon, Old Junee, Big Springs, and The Rock, responded to the invitation, and there were 24 competitors. The judge, Mr. T. W. Dunn, of Wagga, regarded the display of crops as exceptionally fine, although a few, owing to the want of rain and lower standard of cultivation, did not show up well. However, there was a distinct improvement on those of last year, as the season was more favourable to early-sown wheat. Most of the farmers had more than one variety of wheat in the competition, and, of half-a-dozen kinds sown, Federation was the most popular, and appeared to give the best results.

It is interesting to learn the conditions under which the winning crops were sown and brought successfully to maturity. Mr. M. Potter (Lake Albert), who shared first prize with Mr. A. E. Armstrong, was the winner last year. He had 250 acres of crop grown on land which has been cultivated for many years, part of it being cultivated 30 years ago. He used 56lb of manure per acre. This land was not fallowed, but the method and standard of cultivation was of the highest, the surface being as even as a macadamised road. The crop of Mr. Armstrong was grown on absolutely new land, his farm being a block on the Gobbagumbalin subdivision. It comprised 290 acres, and, according to the judge, was the best average crop he had ever seen. The land was ploughed once, and during the summer it was cultivated two or three times. Forty pounds of manure per acre were used. A factor which improved its position as a growing crop was its evenness, due to the fact that the whole of the crop was sown within a little over four weeks, April 21 to May 26. Of the two crops, that of Mr. Armstrong's would probably yield a little more. Mr. H. B. Koeta, who scored 198 points, compared with the 203 points of the winners, had 320 acres under crop. The land has never had manure. The wheats grown by the three prize-winners were: —Mr. Potter, Federation, Bobs, Marshall No. 3, and Jade; Mr. Armstrong, Federation, Zealand, Marshall's No. 3, and Steinwedel; Mr. Koeta, Federation, Marshall's No. 3, Dart's Imperial, and Plover. Zealand and Marshall's No. 3 appear to be the most popular varieties for hay, especially the former. The majority of the crops seen were clean, but on quite a number some patches of dirty and poor wheat were found. Evidence of the great popularity of Federation is given in the appearance of the country between Wagga and Junee, where there are miles of paddocks of dark brown colour, the well known indication of Federation crops.

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RIDING AS A PASTIME.

AUSTRALIAN SADDLE SEATS.

Mr. Aubrey Mowle writes:—"In your columns of Saturday last under "On the Land" appeared an interesting article, "Riding as a Pastime." I enclose copies of letters which passed between my father, the late Mr. S. M. Mowle, and General Sir Edward Hutton on horse riding. They may be of interest to your readers:—

Parliament House, September 2, 1902.

Dear General Sir Edward Hutton,—

You may perhaps remember me as Usher of the Black Rod of the Legislative Council. Will you please forgive me for troubling you with a letter.

I am a lover of horses, and I admire a skilled and graceful horseman, and have done so since my early manhood, when I used to dash about, stockwhip in hand, or after hounds in the rough country of the Upper Murrumbidgee. It has ever been an irritation to me to see a troop of Lancers on parade or elsewhere, and I learn by your speech at Newcastle, upon the occasion of your inspection there, that I have a sympathiser in you. Some time ago I noticed to the officer that no two men of his troop rode alike. He seemed to think that that did not matter, but I looked upon this defect in quite a different light, and felt that, however carelessly they might ride in "the bush," they should be taught to do so gracefully upon parade. Upon the 10th September, 1875, I wrote to the "Echo," an evening paper issuing from the "Herald" office, upon the defective riding at Randwick, and this is an excerpt from my letter: "I ask anyone who knows what a good seat is to look at the jockeys who swarm the Randwick roads, and then say whether he thinks they, with their bent backs, legs rigid as sticks thrust in front of their horses' chests, and with their feet at right angles with their legs, are the boys or men for steeplechasing, or whether they must not, with their very peculiar style, necessarily ride upon their horses' mouths, and bring about the most fearful results."

What does the camera reveal to us? That the so-called famous steeplechase riders do not ride at all. They are daredevils enough to get upon the back of any horse, and whip and spur him at a breakneck pace over the most formidable of fences; but they do not realise the picture of the poet,—

Then the leap!
To see the fancy barrier, and know
The mettle that can clear it! Then your time
To prove you master of the manege.
Now you keep him well together for a space,
Both horse and rider braced as you were one,
Scanning the distance—then give him rein, and
let him fly at it. —Love Chase.

It is a wonder to me that the horses ever take the fences, for their riders, or whatever they may be called, trust to keep themselves in their saddles by making levers of their horses' mouths, and thus do their best to cause the animals to baulk. How very few men trot their horses, and I point out to my young friends why. I demonstrate my statement by striding across a chair, stretching my legs out as far as possible, and turning out my toes. Now, I say, if this chair were my horse, I could not rise to his motion except that I had reins in my hand, attached to a bit, and that I pulled up myself thereby. One day I saw a man riding, who had passed muster, if I might by his accoutrements so judge, and I concluded by his indifferent horsemanship that he had never learned to ride, and that when told to mount he would do so over the tail of his horse. Was he a fair sample of many? I say yes!

Yours faithfully, S. M. MOWLE.

Military Forces of the Commonwealth Headquarters,
8th September, 1902.

Dear Mr. Mowle,—

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, I am much interested to find that you, with your much wider experience of Australians, agree with me as to the main principles of horsemanship which it is desirable to make known among our rising generation.

No one respects Australians as soldiers and Australians as horsemen more than I do, but it is unquestionable that they lack finish. I must, however, say, in all fairness to my comrades the N.S.W. Lancers, that the improvement in their horsemanship during the last seven or eight years has been most remarkable. Believe me, yours very truly,

EDWD. T. H. HUTTON, M.G.

BEET SUGAR.

DR. MAXWELL'S INVESTIGATIONS.

MELBOURNE.—Dr. Walter Maxwell, who was commissioned by the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Graham) to make special inquiries into the conduct of the beet sugar industry during his recent visit to the United States, has returned to Melbourne. He has furnished Mr. Graham with a comprehensive and valuable report. In this Dr. Maxwell points out that in America the factory management in many cases grow a considerable proportion of the total beet crop, and he says it is admitted that the farmer growing a small area secures a better financial return. Where large areas are put under beet, however, it is customary to use steam traction, and the cost of production has been diminished considerably by this means. Speaking of field labour, and the expenses incidental to beet-growing, into which he was especially asked to inquire, Dr. Maxwell says that after his investigations he can confirm the opinion that beet-growing can and does pay a higher rate of wages for field labourers than almost any other agricultural industry. Referring to the progress made by the beet industry in the United States, he mentions that the production of beet sugar has grown from less than 20,000 tons 20 years ago to an estimated output during the present season of 490,000 tons of refined sugar. On account of a disease which has appeared in American crops, Dr. Maxwell advises that European seed be used in Victoria. The report is considered by Mr. Graham to be of the utmost value in confirming the Ministry in its determination to reopen the Maffra factory. Mr. Graham considers that the time now is more opportune for the establishment of the industry than it was 10 years ago, and he says the Ministry will spare no effort to make the industry a success, not only in the manufacture of sugar, but as a commercial crop to the farmer as well.

DRY BIBLE.

VETERINARY SURGEON'S DISCOVERY.

ADELAIDE.—The Government Bacteriologist and Veterinary Surgeon, Mr. Desmond, claims to have discovered the cause of the disease known as Dry Bible, which is responsible for the annual loss of many thousand pounds' worth of cattle in South Australia alone. He has supplied an exhaustive report to the Government on the question.

MORTALITY AMONG CALVES.

MURWILLUMBAH.—Mr. H. N. Rigg, inspector of stock, and Mr. Max Henry, Government veterinary surgeon, having inquired into the deaths of calves on the Upper River, are of opinion that such was not caused by any epidemic. Ten deaths, the officers think, were due to improper methods of feeding.

THE BOURKE DISTRICT.

BOURKE.—The country round Bourke is beginning to show signs of the want of a good downpour. The rain which fell recently was not sufficient to do any good. What little grass remains is becoming very dry, and herbage, with the exception of saltbush, is a thing of the past, the recent hot winds being responsible for this. Stock generally are still in good condition. The weather for the time of the year is particularly cool, the nights more especially. The prospects for rain at the present time do not appear very bright, but if a warm change would only set in rain might fall. Shearing in this district has practically finished, and the clip is reported to be a good one.

THE BOT FLY.

WINGHAM.—The bot fly is particularly troublesome in the Manning district this year. Most horses just now sport a strip of red ribbon round their necks. Horseowners seem to have faith in the efficacy of "red" to keep away the bot.

VICTORIAN OAT YIELD.

MELBOURNE.—The Government Statist estimates the Victorian oat harvest at 10,444,000 bushels, a decrease of 680,940 bushels as compared with last year.

LAND FOR SETTLEMENT.

FORBES.—Mr. A. B. Triggs, who recently purchased Wongajong station from Mr. W. L. Willcox, has renewed the offer of the estate to the chairman of the Closer Settlement Board for acquisition under closer settlement conditions. The area was "earmarked" by a recent "Gazette" notice, but as it is under the value of £20,000, exclusive of improvements, the compulsory clause of the Act would not apply; so, to have any effect, the offer must be a voluntary one on the part of the owner. As the estate is eminently suitable for closer settlement, further action on the part of the Minister is anxiously awaited.

NARRABRI.—The Northern Advisory Board has completed its duties here, and an agreement as to price has been arrived at regarding the purchase of Tibbereenah estate, of 13,000 acres, for closer settlement. This property, with creek and river frontages, abuts on the western town boundary. It is understood that the property will be available for public competition some time in March, 1910.

SINGLETON.—At the local Mechanics' Institute the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Ltd., Sydney, and Messrs. Grainger and Falkiner, Ltd., Singleton, in conjunction, submitted to auction 24,000 acres of freehold land, subdivided into 66 farms, comprising the Rothbury Estate. The areas ranged from 100 to 3700 acres. The following blocks changed hands:—Lot 45, 100¾ acres, £5/15/ per acre, purchaser G. Hall; lot 49, 108 acres, £7/7/6, G. Kime; lot 50, 113½ acres, £6/7/6, W. J. McDonald; lot 48, 86 acres, £7/15/, E. W. Gillard; lot 47, 88 acres, £4/7/6, James Lynch lot 42, 153 acres, £3/15/, T. D. Willis; lot 39, 108 acres, and lot 37, 105½ acres, £5, G. A. Campbell; lot 43, 209½ acres, and lot 44, 209½ acres, £4/10/, J. O'Connors; lot 26, 204 acres, and lot 27, 124½ acres £4/15/, G. A. Campbell; lot 36, 199¾ acres, £4, J. Deasy; lot 35, 201 acres, £2/10/. J. Deasy; lot 31, 320 acres, and lot 32, 268 acres, £3/ 13/. J. Deasy; lot 30, 170 acres, £3/15/, C. Bercini; lot 33, 192½ acres, £3/17/6, J. Deasy; lot 5, 400 acres, £2/15/, W. Moxey; lot 34, 102½ acres, £2/17/6, J. Deasy; lot 41, 174 acres, £4, R. Brickman; lot 51, 258 acres, £4, Anne O'Conors; lot 53, 189½ acres, £3/10/, E. G. Tyrrell; lot 57, 111½ acres, £2/17/6, J. Deasy; lot 29, 136½ acres, £2/10/, A. E. Radnidge; lot 20, 98 acres, £3/5/, M. McNamara lot 21, 452 acres, £4, W. McNamara.

The homestead area, comprising 3790 acres, was passed in, but is subject to private contract.

In all 4884½ acres were sold, the purchase money amounting to £19,756.

Mr. J. C. Mayne, formerly of Rothbury, has purchased the well-known Mitchell's Flat Estate, with a view to re-selling it to the tenant farmers who are already in occupation.

LEASING RUNS.

BRISBANE.—The runs formerly known as Norley, Thargomindah, and Bulloo Downs were opened for lease on Monday. These runs were formerly leased by Sidney Kidman, the cattle king, and comprised 5592 square miles. Applications were almost wholly from the agents of Kidman, who secured 1880 square miles on the three runs mentioned, together with 707 square miles on Dangeri and Kakuri, in the Boulia district.

SHEARING.

EMMAVILLE.—Shearing is now completed, and the clip is the best that has been lifted for years. It is clean, and free from grass seed. The small holders complain at the action of the Railway Commissioners in refusing to carry their wool.

PASTURES BOARDS.

FORBES.—A meeting of the Forbes pastures protection board was held on Tuesday, Mr. Wallace Hunter being in the chair. The inspectors reported that rabbits were on the increase, but owing to shearing and harvesting operations, owners had done very little to keep them down, and now, owing to the quantity of dry grass, it was too risky to lay phosphorus poison. The board resolved to ask the Minister to expedite the transfer of a settlement lease area in the parish of Tiranna, which was being over-run with rabbits; the present owner being out of the State; and it was also decided to request that a reserve at Grudgery be thrown open for immediate settlement on the same account.

Forty-two wirenetting fence certificates were issued at the meeting—this makes about 500 holdings in the district certificated to date. A large number of cases involving applications under one form of tenure or another for land, embraced within travelling stock and camping reserves in the P.P. district was referred to the board by the district surveyor, for report as to objections or otherwise. The stock inspector's report was furnished in each case, and invariably opposed alienation, as the reserves were already narrow enough. The reports went to show that no sooner was one applicant got rid of than another came forward for the same block, causing objections to be repeated again and again.

NYNGAN.—At the monthly meeting of the Canonbar board Mr. Stock-inspector Little reported that the pasture was drying off rapidly, and the hot weather and fierce winds were playing havoc with it. Rabbits are still on the increase, and most owners complain that they do not take poison too well. Some exceptionally good crops have been harvested, and altogether there is nothing to complain of in regard to the season so far. Good rains, however, would be very acceptable. There has been no further outbreak of disease. The financial statement showed that the board had a credit balance of £383, while there were outstanding rates to the amount of £102. All wire netting accounts due to the board had been paid. A letter was read from the Chief Inspector of Stock stating that the resolution submitted by the board suggesting an amendment of the Act by making travelling permits compulsory for any number of cattle, would receive consideration in connection with any amending bill that may be brought forward.

WEE WAA.—At a meeting of the Pilliga Pastures Board the stock inspector reported that rabbits were becoming numerous in a number of holdings. Mr. A. Boydell was appointed acting inspector to issue permits subject to the Minister's approval.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

NYNGAN.—At the annual general meeting of the Nyngan P. and A. Association the report and balance-sheet showed that good progress had been made during the year. The receipts for the general account were £501, and the expenditure £460, showing a credit balance of £41, against a debit balance of £24 at the end of last year. The debit balance to the grand-stand account increased from £99 last year to £114, but the liability for debentures has been reduced in the interim from £250 to £225, several debenture-holders having given their debentures to the amount of £25 to the society. When the Government subsidy, which will be about £76, comes to hand, the only liabilities of the association will be the grand-stand debentures, amounting to £225.

THE CROPS.

EMMAVILLE.—The harvest will be good, and will commence in a week or two. The maize crops look particularly promising, and, should the favourable season continue, will give heavy yields.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

MOLONG.—Mr. S. Whitmee, member of the Western Advisory Board, recently paid a visit to Molong to make a preliminary inspection of two other estates in the district for closer settlement purposes. Mr. Whitmee expects keen competition for the Mungery blocks in January next, as applications have already been lodged for each of the 60 odd blocks.

MEETINGS OF FARMERS.

PARKES.—At the meeting of the Farmers and Settlers' Association on Saturday afternoon, it was decided to accept the offer of the Postal Department to contribute £50 per annum towards the proposed mail service between Parkes and Forbes, via Back Yamma. A motion was carried that the Minister should be asked, through the member for the district, to take steps to permit of exemption from jury service being granted to farmers and settlers during the harvesting months (from November 1 until February 28). It was pointed out that there was a great risk of serious loss by bush fires during the harvest, and the loss affected not only individual farmers or settlers, but the well-being of the entire district and the State. In many instances, too, the panel for the seasons included several neighbours, so that a whole section of the district would be left virtually unprotected. At the conclusion of the ordinary business, the secretary (Mr. J. E. Russell) was presented with a silver afternoon-tea service, on behalf of the members of the Association, to mark the occasion of his marriage.

SINGLETON.—The Northern Agricultural Association has decided not to co-operate with similar institutions in this part of the State in arranging a district exhibit for the Royal Agricultural Society's Show in Sydney next Easter. The support accorded the promoters by people in a position to materially assist in the matter of exhibits has been too lukewarm to encourage those who had the interests of the district at heart.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

COOMA.—Sunday night was one of the coldest on record for December. Frost destroyed pumpkins, potatoes, and other soft vegetation in various parts of the district.

GOULBURN.—Dr. Hammond, in his notes on observations made at Yarra for the Commonwealth Meteorologist, says there has practically been no rain since the middle of October. The most extraordinary feature of November was the prevalence of frosts. On nine nights the glass thermometer registered 32 degrees or less; on two occasions it showed 25; and on one 26. With the exception of the corresponding month of 1895, the November just gone was the driest recorded at Yarra.

MOLONG.—Several rather severe frosts for this time of the year have been experienced during the past week. They have wrought a fair amount of damage, affecting the pumpkin, melon, and tomato crops. They also left their mark amongst the corn crops, but, fortunately, only in isolated cases.

ROCKLEY.—Severe frosts were experienced last week, and considerable damage was done to fruit trees, corn, potatoes, and tomatoes.

SHELLHARBOUR.—The weather is still keeping dry, and the outlook is becoming serious. The water supply on the farms is very low. Several farmers are making arrangements for boring to strike an artesian supply. Springs are drying up now that were never known before to fail. The milk supplies are naturally falling off. There is a good lot of fodder, but too dry to yield milk. The milk suppliers are very indignant at the action of the Dairymen's Company levying the ½d a gallon to meet the increased cost of coal, lighting, etc., during the strike. One prominent farmer declares there will be a milk strike. He thinks suppliers should have been notified before the levy was put in operation.

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BIRTHS.

DALTON.—December 2, at Kangaroobie, Orange, the wife of M. F. Dalton—a daughter.

MILLS.—December 3, at Morette, Tranmere-street, Drummoyne, the wife of H. C. Clargo Mills—a daughter (Verlie).

MOULD.—November 25, at Flood-street, Bondi, the wife of A. Mould—a son.

MORTLOCK.—November 29, at Artarmon, the wife of W. H. Mortlock—a son.

PHILLIPS.—November 6, at Nestalli, M'Donald-street, Potts Point, the wife of Louis M. Phillips—a son.

REDWOOD.—November 29, 1909, at Listernon (private hospital), 95 Henrietta-street, Waverley, the wife of C. E. Redwood, of Bellevue Hill—a daughter.

RILEY.—November 25, 1909, at Bairdville, Simla, India, to Captain and Mrs. C. B. Riley—a son. (By cable.)

MARRIAGES.

JONES—BUBB.—October 9, at St. Peter's Church, Neutral Bay, by the Rev. W. A. Charlton, Stanley Norwood, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Jones, to Lily Reinhard, only daughter of the late Alfred Ernest Bubb, of Equitable-buildings, and Mrs. Lily Bubb, St. Julian's, Wycombe-road, Neutral Bay.

MACKINNON—SOUTH.—November 17, at St. Stephen's Church, Sydney, by Rev. John Ferguson, Malcolm, eldest son of late Archibald Mackinnon, of Vaul Tiree, Scotland, to Ella Miriam, second daughter of W. H. South, Balmain.

McINTYRE—RENDALL.—November 20, at Como, Yeronga, Brisbane, by the Rev. James Gibson, John Norman, second son of the late Donald McIntyre, of Dalgonally, North Queensland, to Laura Minnie, only daughter of Fr. Hewitt Rendall, North Queensland.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

WALCOT—GREEN.—December 8, 1859, by special license, at the Pro-Cathedral Church, Nelson, New Zealand, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. Lonsdale Pritt, Robson Bielby, fourth son of John Walcot, Esq., of Cotham, Bristol, England, to Harriett Naomi, only daughter of the late John Harvey Green, of London. Present address, Navade, Ba, Fiji.

DEATHS.

BROWN.—December 7, 1909, at her late residence, Adolph-street, Neutral Bay, Annie, beloved wife of Simeon Brown, in her 78th year. A loving wife and devoted mother.

FITZROY.—November 30, at Glen Maynard, Singleton, Edith Jessie, the dearly loved wife of A. H. Fitzroy.

GUTHRIE.—December 7, 1909, at her residence, 76 Glebe-road, Glebe, Jane, widow of the late John Guthrie, aged 58 years.

HART.—December 7, 1909, at North Sydney, James Hart, builder, aged 64 years.

HERRING.—December 7, at Parkes, N.S.W., Ensign A. W. Herring, Salvation Army, aged 32 years.

HUNT.—November 6, 1909, at Gulargambone, Jane, wife of Robert Hunt. Queensland papers please copy.

JONES.—December 7, 1909, at the Sydney Hospital, Richard Jones, of Randwick, aged 61 years.

MILNE.—December 3, at Aberdeen, Scotland, Ann, widow of the late William Milne, and mother of Mrs. Burgess, 745 Illawarra-road, Marrickville, and of Rev. J. Milne, M.A., Thames, N.Z. (By cable.)

MITCHELL.—December 7, at her late residence, 2 Francis-street, Hyde Park, Mary Ann, the beloved wife of Robert Mitchell, aged 48 years.

SAYERS.—December 7, 1909, at his residence, Melrose, Mosman, Edwin Mawney Sayers, in his 91st year.

SMITH.—December 7, 1909, Annie Ellen, beloved wife of George Franklin Smith, of Ormuz, Kendall-street, Woollahra, aged 31 years. "Peace, perfect peace."

WARD.—December 7, 1909, at his late residence, Glen Isla, Cook-street, Randwick, Robert Edward, eldest son of the late Robert Laurence Ward, of Stanmore, aged 41 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

AVERY.—In ever-loving and sorrowful remembrance of my dear father, William Chapman Avery, who departed this life December 8, 1880, at Roma, Queensland, aged 49 years. Inserted by his loving daughter, Sarah Parsons.

BIBBY.—In loving memory of Thomas Bibby, who died at Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, December 8, 1908. Inserted by his sorrowing wife and family.

BOOTS.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, who died December 8, 1908. Inserted by her loving son and daughter, James and Lucy.

BOOTS.—In affectionate remembrance of Louisa Maria Boots, who died December 8, 1908. Inserted by her loving sister, Effie. At rest.

CASHMAN.—In loving remembrance of my darling mother, Eliza Jane Cashman, who departed this life December 7, 1906. At rest. Inserted by her loving daughter, Mrs. Philip Hart.

COOK.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, Ann Cook, who fell asleep in Jesus December 8, 1904.

Dearest mother, how we miss you,
How we miss your loving voice;
At the gates of Heaven we'll meet you,
There to never part again.

Inserted by her loving husband, daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter, Rupert, Ann, Edwin, and Esther Eagle.

CROCKETT.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Anne Jane Crockett, who departed this life December 8, 1906, aged 52 years. A good mother, never to be forgotten. Inserted by her loving children.

GRAVOLIN.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Roger Gravolin, who departed this life December 8, 1907.

Sweet to our memory, dear to our hearts,
Our love to your memory never shall part.
We know that our years, be they many or few,
Will be years of remembrance, dear Roger, of you.

Inserted by loving sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, and sister Eileen.

HAWKSLEY.—In loving memory of our darling little son, Freddie, who departed this life December 7, aged 17 months.

God called him; it was His will,
But in our hearts he is living still.
The trial was hard, the shock severe,
To part with Freddie, we loved so dear.

Inserted by his loving father and mother, F. and A. Hawksley.

MEER.—Sacred to the memory of my beloved daughter, Amelia Grace Ellen, who departed this life December 8, 1900.

When we think of all the changes
The last nine years have brought,
We are glad the world that holds you
Is the world that changes not.

Inserted by her loving mother and sister, Sissie.

MOLLOY.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Molloy, who departed this life December 8, 1908. Inserted by her loving children and son-in-law, Frank, Kate, and Tom Molloy, and Rose and A. Martyn, Cleland-road, Artarmon.

OAKLEY.—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Gertrude Mabel Oakley, who departed this life December 8, 1908. Inserted by her loving parents, Charles and Emily, and her brothers, Harry and Cecil Oakley.

SCOTTING.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, William Charles Scotting, who passed away December 8, 1907. Inserted by his loving wife and children, Bert, Ruby, Winnie, Florrie, and Alice.

TERRILL.—In loving remembrance of our dear brother, Thomas Terrill, who departed this life December 8, 1895. Forever with the Lord. Inserted by his dear sister and brother-in-law, K. and J. Holloway.

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FREE LABOUR.

The community must have coal, and the Government realises that instant action has to be taken to make it available. In the Legislative Assembly last night, the Acting Premier announced that to-day the Government would invite the coal owners to open their mines, and would offer to all those who may be willing to work the necessary protection. The miners now out are to be invited to take up their tools again, and although this suggestion was received with Labour laughter, it is as well that the men should realise how serious the position is. Such an invitation given in effect by the acting head of the Government on the floor of Parliament comes really from the people of the State to emphasise the fact that the hours of grace are running out. In the southern and western fields there are no grievances which cannot be settled almost at once under the Industrial Arbitration Act. A board has already dealt with the points in dispute in the west, and the Judge who heard the evidence is ready with his award. So far as the south is concerned there has been dissatisfaction with the boards appointed, but no vital difficulty can be said to exist to prevent a speedy return to work. In these cases, while the miners are on strike they are very specially their own enemies, because they are not conscious of any direct obstacle to an understanding with their employers, except such as the Newcastle men have made. They are conscious, indeed, that after years of successful working under conciliation boards, and after accepting the present Act as something better, they are now in an evil case. They are law-breakers, and the only way to get right is to return to work. Why should they delay? To the miners in both the south and the west the invitation of the Acting Premier is a genuine offer of conciliation, and the community will back it up wholeheartedly. They may be sure that their grievances have now received an attention and a ventilation which will ensure rectification where there is any true ground for such, and the strike to that extent will not have been in vain. To the northern miners it may be said that they must shoulder the heaviest responsibility if they still stand stubbornly aside. The invitation to return to work is to them first, because to them the other fields look and by them will apparently be guided. If they treat the Acting Premier's offer with disdain, upon their heads must rest the main burden of a punishment, whose severity and bitterness cannot now be estimated or understood.

It is necessary that the way should thus be cleared for further action. If the Government's invitation is accepted, well and good. The community will get the coal for lack of which now the industries are closing up one by one; the board just appointed by the Arbitration Court will proceed at once to deal with the matters in dispute; and a month of loss and serious anxiety will be forgotten as an unfortunate episode. But should the miners refuse to go to work, the Government will have left them without excuse. They will never be able to say that they were not given the fullest consideration. For a month they were allowed to parley, through their representatives, until the people grew restive, and the Government was steadily losing the confidence of the country. Now the last door is to be closed. From to-day the coal, so essential to the life of the community, is to be obtained somehow. The strike is to be attacked at home, and free labour is to be given every possible chance of doing the work which can no longer be neglected. Mr. Hughes is pleased to believe that a sufficient number of miners will not be available. The law will not permit the employment of unskilled labour in the mines, and the conditions of work are carefully regulated. So strong have the unions become that they stand astride of the coal, and there is an end of it. Well, we shall see. The community must have coal, and the mines are going to be worked. The essential thing is to assure those who are willing to work absolute protection, and to guarantee them future work should they decide to keep going when the strike is over. It has been too much the practice in similar emergencies to throw over the non-unionists as soon as the unionists have had enough of idleness, and in the present crisis there must be a genuine guarantee to all who come forward that they shall not be left in the lurch. For the rest, coal is coming to Sydney in many shiploads, and it is going to be landed. The Government has to see that the fuel is passed in, that the local mines are kept open, and that all who will work shall have every encouragement and the fullest liberty and protection now and afterwards.

FEDERAL INTERVENTION.

The refusal of Mr. Justice Isaacs to intervene in the present crisis shows that the Federal Arbitration Court has a sense of proportion. We do not say that it would have been a matter for regret had the Judge been able to put his hand upon both sides in the Newcastle strike and brought the parties together, because any legitimate means should be welcomed to end the deadlock which is costing the Commonwealth so dear. That is to say, the production of coal is essentially of Commonwealth concern. Newcastle may be in New South Wales, but it is really a part of every State, more or less; and it is as integral to Australian industry and wellbeing as though its shafts were open at intervals of a hundred miles across the continent. This is undoubtedly our great asset, but in some senses it is Australia's handicap. That the Federal authorities should, therefore, yearn to interfere is quite natural, and no one need blame the unionists for moving the Gippsland miners. In a sense the sign is a good one. It shows that the workers themselves are looking for ways of settling the dispute which is causing so much distress among thousands of innocent people, and which threatens to give our progress a check, lasting through another decade. But when all has been said, it remains true that the regulation of industry is a matter of State concern, and so long as the strike does not extend beyond the boundaries of New South Wales, the Federal Arbitration Court cannot interfere. Already there has been too much effort to force disputes into the wider arena. The States have grown restive as one inquiry after another has seemed to wrest the Constitution; and we do not forget that the Court has commended itself to the unions, because it has given their claims remarkably favourable consideration. Therefore, to have reached out into the sphere of State responsibility without the clearest warrant for so doing would have been exceedingly unwise, and Mr. Justice Isaacs has shown himself cautious, as well as shrewd and capable, in laying down the law as he has done.

It is significant at such a juncture that the strike should be so closely confined to this State. Had there been the desire for a general disturbance, which some of the leaders hoped for or believed, the waterside workers everywhere would now be throwing in their lot with the miners. But wiser counsels have prevailed. It has been realised in Victoria as in Queensland that the public must be reckoned with. The strikers at Newcastle may have direct union sympathy everywhere, but the sense of the great body of the people throughout Australia has been against their sudden abandonment of work, their practical demand for a revolution, and their cynical disregard of the cruel pressure created by their action upon the most helpless section of the community. As we are not yet out of the wood, it is too soon to congratulate the other States upon their comparative immunity from the worst effects of the Newcastle strike. Their turn may come, and already business men in Melbourne are beginning to be anxious about the coaling of the Marmora. But even should the waterside workers come out in Melbourne later on, this would not give the Federal Arbitration Court a grip upon the Newcastle miners. There lies the crux of the position. It is difficult to see how they are to be dealt with, except by the State; and upon the State, therefore, rests the supreme responsibility of vindicating the law.

THE MAYORAL ELECTION.

To-morrow the council elects a Lord Mayor of Sydney for the forthcoming term, and it will thus have an immediate opportunity of showing its fidelity to the policy of progress its electors have endorsed by returning the majority of its members. While there is now in the council what may be called a Labour opposition of sufficient strength to ensure criticism, it is to be hoped that the Lord Mayor's office will not become a prize to be ignominiously contended for by opposing sections. The conditions in municipal affairs are quite different from those of Parliamentary politics. The Mayor should stand for the whole council; and while the office fails in strength and dignity if he does not, on the other hand a Mayor who owes his place to the cabals of a minority is powerless to subvert the general policy that the majority has decided on. The Mayor therefore should be chosen for his intrinsic worth, and the election should be independent of personal or party feeling. If there is a contest on the present occasion we may reasonably hope that a majority of aldermen will remember the fundamental considerations, and that none of those who should be found on the Liberal side will be found wanting in allegiance. The Lord Mayor above all else must be a man absolutely beyond reproach, a man whose career is an absolute guarantee that he will administer the city finances with unswerving integrity, and control the great business of administration with a single eye to the public good. No doubt many aldermen would fulfil this initial qualification; we should be very sorry to think otherwise. But more is wanted than uninstructed honesty of purpose. The undertakings the council has in hand offer too many opportunities for mistakes to be trusted to other than the ablest and most experienced man available. A false step in any direction may cost the city thousands of pounds over a single transaction that in itself is only a matter of seemingly insignificant detail, and while purity of administration is of itself a safeguard against the worst evils it needs to be backed up by a large sagacity. Finally, at the present moment, continuity in direction and control is an important point. There should be, in fact, some very good and essential reason in evidence before the council elects a new man in place of Alderman Taylor. The present Mayor's term of office has been a memorable one, and the recent elections showed plainly enough that he and the policy he has inaugurated have the confidence of the city generally. No other verdict was to be expected, and that being so the reasonable and natural, as well as the safe, proceeding will be for the council to re-elect Alderman Taylor for the current term of office. If it does that it will be sure of the sympathetic support of the public it represents; and the city will be able to look forward with satisfaction to the continuance of a sound and progressive policy. While the election of a Lord Mayor is, of course, the business of the aldermen, and while they must choose and take the responsibility of their choice, at the same time this office is of such public importance that it is well the council should have before it some evidence of the general feeling; and that that feeling is all in favour of the re-election of Alderman Taylor, we see no reason to doubt.

THE GROWTH OF THE TRUST.

If the information supplied by the New York correspondent of the London "Daily Telegraph" is correct, the Americans are shortly to experience the blessings of still another trust. This time it is a Bread Trust, which, following on the heels of the Milk Trust and the Beef Trust, makes the ring of monopoly almost complete around the essential food of the people. The movement towards the "trustification" of the main fields of industry is sufficiently momentous; but when the staples of food, one by one, are being brought within the same species of control, there may well be a national uneasiness. The Beef Trust—one of the three greatest consolidations yet accomplished in the United States—has not merely a remorseless grip upon the beef supplies of the United States, but it is also determined upon bringing into subjection the export companies of Argentina, and, of necessity, exercising a dominant sway in the meat markets of the United Kingdom. If all the people who have denounced it are to be believed, even the Father Trust of America—the colossal Standard Oil—compares most feebly as a ruthless exploiter of a defenceless public. Whether with justice or not, it has been blamed for the circumstance that the American people have lately found it impossible to get meat to eat except at famine prices, with the result that the poorer classes have had to go without. The Milk Trust is a much more recent comer into the field, but apparently it has not lost much time in advancing the price of milk to city consumers. The Bread Trust may or may not do the same; but the history of the conduct of its fellows does not justify any high hopes of benevolent intentions on its part. In that event the position of the average American consumer will not be an enviable one. What with the tariff—the tariff which lately has been "revised upwards" instead of very much "revised downwards," as was his hope, and the Republican party's undertakings on the one side, and the Trusts on the other, he will have to be fairly alert to keep anything for himself in either pocket.

But perhaps the most striking aspect of these modern trusts is their vitality. Notwithstanding the most persistent public denunciation—public execration even—notwithstanding the strenuous efforts through the courts to secure their legal dissolution they live on and multiply just as if basking the while in the brightest sunshine of public approval. This very vitality is evidence that the trust principle has more behind it than merely an organised malevolence. It does not necessarily resolve itself into nothing more than a mammoth conspiracy for bleeding the consumer white. It more often is the inevitable outcome of the need for a corrective to the destructive influences of over-competition. Up to a point competition is doubtless the community's safeguard against monopolistic exactions, as also the main spur to material progress, but as experience shows it can reach a point when it becomes wasteful of capital and oppressive of labour. In these circumstances the organisation of a trust which modifies, even if it does not wholly eliminate, the competitive factor, is one method of remedy, and if wisely conducted can keep prices at a level, reasonably profitable alike to capital and labour. Up to the present it must be admitted that the consumer has been the last thought of. The profits of capital have been conserved, and the remuneration of labour has been generally improved. It is this last fact more than any other, perhaps, which has been a buttress to the trust in the hour of trouble. There are instances of this even in Australia. The very coal vend, which is just now the object of such opprobrium, owes its existence as much to the miners' unions as to any action on the part of the proprietors. What is becoming clear, however, is that if trusts must be formed they must be subject to rigid public supervision and control. But how to apply this control without killing the objects of it, is a problem which has yet to be worked out.

The "Sydney Mail."—The current issue of the popular weekly is the Christmas number, and an excellent production it is. It contains a large array of charming photographic studies—landscape, seascape, and figure subjects, and reproductions of various phases of industrial life. The place of honour—apart from the exquisite coloured supplement, entitled "Little Sunlocks"—is given a remarkable station picture—a little girl ("the pet of the station") seated on a post in the midst of the mustering yards, and looking down upon hundreds of sheep that are being expertly handled. This is a picture that will doubtless adorn the walls of many country homes. The issue is also rich in drawings, many of which are appropriately bright and humorous. More space than usual is devoted to stories, poems, and sketches, and this section is worthy of more than passing notice, as being fairly representative of the writers of this and other parts of Australia. Many of the tales are finely illustrated, and special mention should be made of the exquisite illustrations by Miss Ida Rentoul of a fairy story by Miss Harriet Stephens. Every page of the issue is interesting, and the number is certain to be in very great demand for posting to distant friends.

In Parliament.—The attention of the Legislative Council last night was mainly devoted to the motion for the second reading of the Defamation Bill. The measure was on the whole accepted as an advance upon the present law, but Mr. Gullett referred to clause 12, providing for the disclosure of the name of the writer of an article, as dangerous and unprecedented in the legislation of other British communities. The second reading was carried, and the bill will be considered in committee this afternoon. The Seat of Government Surrender Bill was read the third time. In the Legislative Assembly consideration of the Estimates of the Railway Department was commenced at 5 o'clock, and was not concluded until an early hour this morning. The department in its relation to the strike came in for much adverse criticism from members of the Opposition, and members on both sides of the House indulged in fault-finding with the general administration of the department. The Speaker reported formal messages from his Excellency covering the Newcastle Northern Breakwater Extension Bill, the Moree-Mungindi Railway Bill, and the Cremorne Tramway Bill; the resolution amending the first schedule of the Industrial Disputes Act was sent on to the Legislative Council, and the Minister for Lands gave notice preliminary to the introduction of a bill to extend the term of office of the Commissioners of the Western Land Board.

The Lord Mayoralty.—It is understood that there was a meeting of the Labour party in the City Council at the Trades Hall on Monday night. One of the principal matters discussed was whether the party would nominate a candidate for the Lord Mayoralty. No decision was come to, and the meeting was adjourned. The only member of the council likely to oppose the present Lord Mayor is Alderman Meagher, and his chances are considered very remote.

Wool Transport.—Mr. Hollis asked the Minister for Railways in the Legislative Assembly last evening to state the reason why the Railway Department issued orders about November 18 or 19, to temporarily stop the carriage of wool. Mr. Waddell supplied the information in the following form:—"Owing to the conditions obtaining in connection with the wool trade, the Chief Commissioner considered it advisable not to accept wool for transit from November 15 to 20 inclusive."

Savings Bank Interest.—The Treasurer was asked by Mr. G. Miller in the Legislative Assembly last evening to supply information concerning the rates of interest on deposits paid by the Savings Bank of New South Wales and by the Government Savings Bank. Mr. Waddell said it was understood that the former institution paid 3½ per cent. on deposits up to £200, while the Government Savings Bank paid 3 per cent. on minimum monthly balance on deposits up to £500. Asked, "Why are not small depositors in Government Savings Bank paid as high a rate as those who are lending money to the Government in larger sums?" Mr. Waddell said, "Because in the case of money invested in Government stock it is invested for a fixed period of years, and is not available till the end of such period, unless by sale of stock, which may entail a loss, whereas money deposited in the Government Savings Bank is at call, and bears interest if deposited for the short period of even one calendar month. There is also much greater expense entailed in the management of a bank as compared with Government stock. As is well known, private banks do not give any interest for money, except deposited for six months or more."

Halley's Comet.—Mr. W. E. Raymond, the officer in charge of the Sydney Observatory, has received the following telegram from the Government Astronomer of South Australia, Mr. G. F. Dodwell, F.R.A.S. the first astronomer to publish the reappearance of Halley's comet in the Australian press):—"Halley's comet was first observed in Australia by Mr. Ross, of Melbourne, on November 18, six days before being seen at Adelaide. Reobserved at Adelaide on Saturday, and its increased brightness and extent of coma noted." To Mr. Ross, therefore, is due the praise for being the first observer in these latitudes to find Halley's comet at its present reappearance. He has been many years specialising in cometary discovery, and this is not his first success. The comet has been under observation at the Sydney Observatory with the 11½-inch refractor telescope during the past week. Several micro-metric measurements of its position have been made with reference to companion stars, and these and future observations will be embodied with the work of other observations for computation of the elements of the comet's orbit. The definition has been very fair, and the comet is increasing in brightness very rapidly. It was picked up with the six-inch transit telescope as it culminated on December 3, but was too faint to enable measurements to be made with this instrument. Our Perth correspondent telegraphs that the comet is now easily visible by telescope from the Perth Observatory.

Crocodile Stories by Mr. Meston.—Addressing members of the Aquarium Society on Monday night, Mr. A. Meston, the Queensland explorer and student of aboriginal life, broke away from his story of fish of the Barrier Reef and the ceratodus and barramundi, to tell something of the crocodiles of the northern State. He said that the blacks of one river bathed fearlessly in a stream while crocodiles were just across it, when they felt assured that the saurians belonged to that particular stream. It was always a strange crocodile from another river inspired by bad wishes of a hostile tribe which wrought damage to their stream, not one of their own friendly crocodiles. When a woman was chopped in half by a crocodile on one occasion the blacks kept the uneaten half of the gin in the water for the man-eater to return for it. When the monster came back for the rest, they speared, killed, and ate it as a kind of poetic retributive justice. When crocodiles desired a feed of fish they waited on the low tide flats till the tide began to run into some small creek. Then, when they considered the time ripe, with incredible cunning they moored themselves across the mouth of the creek to prevent the egress of the fish that had made their way in, and began to lash the water with their tails. The fish rushed to the entrance and fell into the gaping jaws or were knocked out on the shore by the tail, and were then devoured at leisure. In the stomach of one crocodile he had found two buttons, worn quite thin, and after inquiry he was led to believe that they had been on the trousers of an old man who had disappeared some time before. On another occasion he had found a piece of rope, which had been tied round the neck of an animal seized by a crocodile. The rest of the animal had been digested.

Dominion Rifle Meeting.—In view of the visit of the Australian Rifle Team to the Dominion rifle meeting, it will be of interest for intending competitors to know that the Dominion Association has decided to allow the use of "Match Barrels" at the meeting. Hitherto these have been barred at rifle meetings in New Zealand. Aperture sights will also be permitted. In reference to the Empire match every State in the Commonwealth will be able to compete. The meeting will take place at Trentham, N.Z., on March 3 and following days, 1910. The prize-money offered is £1550, and all grades of rifle shots are being catered for.

Wollongong Water Supply Pipes.—Speaking in reply to questions asked by Colonel Onslow in the Legislative Assembly last evening, the Minister for Works said the manufacturers and suppliers of the pipes used in the first portion of the Wollongong water supply were Messrs. G. and C. Hoskins, A. and J. Stewart, and Menzies, John Spencer, Limited, and Messrs. Stewart and Lloyd, Limited. The pipes had been in use for from four to seven years. Some of the pipes had proved very unsatisfactory, being perforated in many places on the high-pressure main, so that it would be necessary to renew long lengths presently.

Our Fire Fighters.—At the presentation of long-service medals to members of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade by his Excellency Lord Chelmsford yesterday afternoon in the Domain Mr. Chas Bown, chairman of the board, gave some figures showing the magnitude of the work placed upon the brigade in fire-fighting. He said that the operations of the board covered an area of 352 square miles, in the protection of which 52 stations shouldered the burden. Upon the staff were 227 permanent men, and 280 partially-paid, giving a total of 507 firemen. The equipment comprised 16 steam fire-engines, two motor pumping-engines, 31 manual fire-engines, 13 horse carriages and chemical engines, 127 horses, and 25 miles of hose.

The cheap excursion train announced on handbills and posters to leave Sydney for Melbourne at 3.55 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14, will not run, and no cheap excursion tickets will be issued at any station in connection with this excursion.

BROKEN HILL'S MINERAL EXPORTS

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

Broken Hill's mineral exports for the month of November totalled in value £197,322, against £182,553 for October and £230,822 for September.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

THE MONARCH AND THE PEERS.

A DIFFERENTIATION.

LORDS AGAINST A WORLD MOVEMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

Mr. Churchill, President of the Board of Trade, in the course of his speech at Southport, said he thought it right early in the fight to differentiate between the hereditary monarchy and the hereditary peers. The Sovereign reigned, but did not govern. His powers were exercised on the advice of his Ministers. The Monarch had no interests divergent from those of the people.

Mr. Churchill laid stress on the fact that the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony had been given great Constitutions by Letters Patent under the Crown without submitting them to the Lords. Had they been so submitted they would have been mutilated and mauled under the influence of such an evil counsellor as Lord Milner.

The whole movement of the world was against the greedy intrusion of the Lords into legislation. He asked why 600 titled persons should govern us, and their children govern ours forever.

If an unreformed and partisan House of Lords continued then the reign of the two great parties would be closed forever, and parties would be grouped on violent lines, when brute force and class hatred, instead of forbearance and public spirit, would become the characteristics of British political life.

THE LORDS AS REBELS.

A PEER'S OPINION.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Lord Lyveden (Liberal), speaking at Boston, said that the Peers prided themselves on their loyalty, yet they took out of the King's hands the right to dissolve Parliament, and thus played the part of rebels against the Crown and Constitution.

A WRITTEN CONSTITUTION.

THE LIBERAL AIM.

Colonel Seely, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies, speaking at Liverpool, said that if the Liberals were returned to power they would make financial chaos impossible in the future by establishing the Constitution firmly and in writing.

LIBERALS AND LABOUR.

AVOIDING A SPLIT VOTE.

The "Daily Mail" writes that the general basis of the pact between the Government and the Socialists is now clear. Where the Labour member is in possession he will not be opposed by a Liberal candidate. Where a Liberal member is in possession the Labour leaders will refuse to grant funds to enable a local Labour nominee to fight.

The "Daily Mail" adds that Labour candidates have been withdrawn from Mid Glamorgan, Stalybridge, Midlothian, Barkston Ash Division of the West Riding of Yorkshire, Rotherham, Crewe, Carmarthen (Eastern), Coventry, Plymouth, and East Northants.

LABOUR PARTY'S PLEDGE.

TWO EXEMPTIONS.

The Right Hon. Thomas Burt, M.P. (Liberal)-Labour) for Morpeth, and Mr. Charles Fenwick, M.P. (Liberal-Labour) for the Wansbeck Division of Northumberland, will be allowed to stand for election without signing the Labour party's pledge.

FREE CHURCH ACTION.

The Council of the Free Churches is urging a thousand local councils in England and Wales to take strong local action for the abolition of the veto of the House of Lords.

A PEERAGE ROMANCE.

A QUESTION OF LEGITIMACY.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The action brought in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, by Alexander Wentworth Macdonald Bosville against Lord Macdonald of Sleat, seeking a decision that his grandfather, born on September 12, 1800, was legitimate per subsequens matrimonium, has been dismissed as far as relationship is concerned, but the parties were allowed proof on the question of legitimacy.

Mr. Bosville, according to the statement of claim lodged, is the great grandson and heir male of Godfrey, third Lord Macdonald, who was born on October 14, 1775, in Edinburgh. The domicile of origin of the third Lord MacDonald was, therefore, Scotch. Obtaining a commission in the army in 1795, when 20, he continued in the active service list until his death in 1832, when he was lieutenant-general. While in England with his regiment, in or about 1798, he became engaged to Miss Louisa Maria La Coast, illegitimate daughter of the Duke of Gloucester by Lady Almeria Carpenter, daughter of the Earl of Tyrconnel; and as her guardians disapproved of the match her suitor eloped with her that year, and contracted marriage with her by exchange of mutual consent, according to the law of Scotland. There was no Gretna Green romance in the case; but the family tradition is that the runaway couple were married at the British Embassy in Paris. There were three children of the union—Alexander Macdonald, pursuer's grandfather, born on December 12, 1800, being the second child and eldest son.

Doubts having been subsequently expressed respecting the validity of this runaway marriage, the two were regularly married in church at Norwich, on May 29, 1803. During all this time pursuer claimed the husband had never lost his Scotch domicile of origin, and any children he might have had by Louisa Maria La Coast born prior to that date were thereby legitimated. The marriage made in the Scottish manner was held to be invalid, and the peerage went to the third child (second son) of the union, Godfrey, born after the marriage ceremony of 1803, and from him is descended the present Lord Macdonald, the sixth baron. The eldest child was a daughter, Louisa, who married the fifth Earl of Hopetoun, and was thus the great-grandmother of the present Marquis of Linlithgow.

One of the most important clauses in the pursuer's pleadings is as follows: "The pursuer makes no claim to the Scotch estates, settled by the Act, 10th Victoria, nor to the Irish peerage, as he is advised that legitimation per subsequents matrimonium does not operate so as to effect the succession to an Irish peerage. The pursuer, however, desires to have the legitimacy of his grandfather declared, and to vindicate such other rights as may have descended to him as the great-grandson and nearest and lawful heir to Godfrey, third Lord Macdonald."

BISHOP OF NEW GUINEA.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The Rev. Gerald Sharp, Vicar of Whitkirk, Yorkshire, has been appointed Bishop of New Guinea.

The Rev. Gerald Sharp has ben vicar of Whitkirk for about 11 years. He is a graduate of Cambridge University, and was ordained priest in 1890.

AUSTRALIAN TRADERS.

AS SEEN BY SIR A. SPICER.

COSMOPOLITAN BUYERS.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The "Daily Mail" has interviewed Sir Albert Spicer, M.P. (Liberal), on his return from the Empire Congress of Chambers of Commerce at Sydney.

Sir Albert Spicer said that British trade was holding its own in the main, but certain branches were a little slow in adapting themselves to the requirements of a new country.

Australian commercial men generally were more travelled people than British, and during their trips to the old country they kept their eyes open to what other countries were doing.

Sir Albert Spicer said that he was much struck with the cosmopolitan character of Australians in buying. The British were apt to suffer from want of openmindness. Australians were always ready to look at anything worth attention.

He intended, Sir Albert Spicer added, to bring the Imperial Commercial Council before the London Chamber of Commerce.

AERONAUTICS.

AEROPLANES FOR WAR.

FRENCH ARMY ORDERS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

General Brun, French Minister of War, has ordered four Farman aeroplanes, one Bleriot, and three others.

AN AVIATOR KILLED.

PETROL TANK EXPLODES.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

Fernandez, an aviator, was killed at Nice by the collapse of his airship. A petrol tank exploded when the airship was at a height of 320ft.

CADBURY LIBEL ACTION.

DAMAGES ONE FARTHING.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The action brought by Messrs. Cadbury Brothers against the "Standard," alleging libel in a comment in the newspaper on September 28, 1908, on the delay of the plaintiffs in ceasing to purchase cocoa grown by what is practically slave labour in Principe and St. Thome, was concluded yesterday.

The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiffs, and assessed the damages at one farthing. The Judge refused to deprive the plaintiffs of their costs.

AMERICAN RAILWAYS.

INCREASED WAGES DEMANDED.

EXTENSIVE STRIKE THREATENED

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The New York correspondent of the "Times" states that unions representing 100,000 railway workers demand 10 per cent. increase in wages.

Sixty companies are affected.

The men have empowered the committee which is presenting the demand to the companies to call a strike in the event of the rejection of the demand.

The situation is serious.

COLONIAL ARTISTS' EXHIBITION.

A FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The Royal British and Colonial Society of Artists is organising an exhibition of living colonial artists in connection with the Festival of Empire to be held next year.

The Earl of Plymouth, in announcing the fact, said that such men as Morrice, a Canadian, Mortimer Menpes, Lambert, and Bunny, of Australia, had carved their way to the very front ranks of British artists, but the atmosphere of Paris pervaded their canvases.

Lord Plymouth suggested that exhibits at the Festival of Empire would show that the work produced in the colonies was instinct with the atmosphere of their particular homes, with which British art lovers were wholly unacquainted.

ADMIRALTY CONTRACTS.

THAMES YARDS PARTICIPATE.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The Admiralty has decided to give the contract for the construction of two cruisers to the Thames Ironworks, Shipbuilding, and Engineering Company, Blackwall. The construction of a Dreadnought in a Thames shipyard, for which Liberal East End Commoners have been agitating, is still undecided.

SILLY SUFFRAGISTS.

STONY LETTERS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

A number of women suffragists in Leith and Preston threw stones through the Post Office windows.

Each stone was wrapped in a paper inscribed with protests against the Government suppressing the suffragist movement.

ELLAN VANNIN FOUNDERS.

SWAMPED BY ENORMOUS SEA.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The steamer Ellan Vannin, 380 tons, which foundered on the Mersey bar en route from the Isle of Man to Liverpool during the recent gale, was swamped by an enormous sea, and sank instantly.

None of those on board were saved, many being drowned in the sleeping berths.

THE KING AS CATTLE-BREEDER.

SUCCESS AT ISLINGTON.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The King yesterday visited the cattle show at Islington. Out of 21 entries made from his Majesty's herds he secured three breed cups, seven first prizes, six seconds, three thirds, and four commendeds.

ADVANCE IN CONSOLS.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

Consols were quoted yesterday at £83 1s 3d, an advance of 8s 9d since Thursday.

Money advanced upon all Securities. N.S.W. Mont de Piete D. and I. Co., Ltd., 74 Castlereagh-street, 74, Sydney, and 17 Hunter-street, Newcastle. Eustace Bennett, G. Mgr.—Advt.

CRICKET CRITICISMS.

ENGLISH BAD LOSERS.

DEPLORED BY PROMINENT PLAYERS.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

A meeting of captains of first-class cricket counties, held at Lords yesterday, passed a resolution of regret that a certain section of the press was exploiting cricket in an unworthy manner.

Mr. C. B. Fry spoke on the same matter at the Authors' Club. He complained of a tendency to introduce into the cricket atmosphere bitter personal criticism. It was no disgrace to be beaten by the Australians. He had never seen such an exhibition of bad losing as was shown during the test matches by a large section of the British press.

Mr. F. R. Spofforth supported Mr. Fry's protests against running down players.

[All the members of the Australian team who have been interviewed have stated that the majority of press comments were unfair. When the team started losing matches, a big section of the press spoke very disparagingly of the Australians, and then when they won the test matches, very few of the writers admitted that the Australians had won on the merits of the play.]

TRIANGULAR CONTESTS.

MR. JACKSON ALMOST CONVERTED.

At the meeting of county captains, the Hon. F. S. Jackson (Yorkshire) said that the triangular contests in 1912 would be spectacularly attractive. He was coming to the view that from the Imperial standpoint the experiment should be made.

[The triangular scheme will be considered by the Australian Board of Control at a meeting to be held this month.]

LATE PRINCESS WALDEMAR.

A CLEVER WOMAN.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The late Princess Waldemar, of Denmark (Princess Marie of Orleans), was generally considered the cleverest woman in Royal circles.

The newspapers bear testimony to the active part she took in promoting an improvement of the relations between Russia, France, and Great Britain.

German newspapers often assailed her. The German Emperor admired her wit, but considered her an intriguer.

RECEIVING THE TAXES.

NO CHAOS AT CUSTOMS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The chairman of the Board of Customs denies that any chaos has occurred in the collection of duties. The bulk of the clearances has been on the higher rates imposed by the Budget.

He adds that the tea trade has decided to continue as if nothing had happened.

THE CZARINA'S HEALTH.

SERIOUS BREAKDOWN.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Fresh reports regarding the health of the Czarina are increasingly serious. The Czarina is suffering from a nervous breakdown and hypochondria of long standing.

It is a significant fact that during her short stay at Cowes in the autumn the Czarina was entirely free from the nervous trouble which afflicts her when in Russia.

KING ALFONSO.

OPERATION RECOMMENDED.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Queen Victoria Eugenia of Spain has returned from London to Madrid, where the doctors recommend King Alfonso to undergo an operation for his throat and ear.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

DEATH OF MR. F. T. COBBOLD, M.P.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The death is announced of Mr. Felix Thornley Cobbold, M.P. (Liberal) for Ipswich, aged 68.

[Mr. Felix Thornley Cobbold had represented Ipswich in the Liberal interest since 1906. This, however, was not his first experience of Parliament, he having represented Stowmarket division in 1885-1886.]

UNDERGROUND CABLE.

An underground cable from London to Glasgow and Edinburgh has been completed.

BISHOP THORNTON RESIGNS.

Bishop Samuel Thornton, formerly of Ballarat, is resigning the Assistant Bishopric of Manchester.

[The Right Rev. Samuel Thornton, who is 76 years of age, has been assistant Bishop to the Bishop of Manchester since 1900, Vicar of Blackburn since 1901, and Rural Dean since 1907. Previously he was the first Bishop of Ballarat, occupying the post from 1875 to 1900. He graduated at Oxford at the age of 19.]

THE SLAUGHTERMEN'S DISPUTE.

APPOINTMENT OF WAGES BOARD.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Representatives of the Meat Exporters' Association had a long conference with the Premier (Mr. Murray) and Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Graham) to-day regarding the dispute between the exporters and the slaughtermen over the payments for the killing of sheep and lambs. They suggested that a repetition of the present difficulties could be prevented if the local employees could be increased by a number sufficient to supply the demand for slaughtermen in Victoria. They therefore proposed that a larger ratio of improvers should be allowed in the slaughtering trade. The Premier said he would be willing to ask Parliament to pass rapidly an Act to create a special wages board, if both sides would agree. The conference ended with the understanding that the chief inspector under the Factories Act should communicate with the secretary of the union as soon as possible, and discover whether the men would accept the award of a special wages board and return to work immediately.

TO-DAY.

R.A.A. Band: Outer Domain, 3.
Dr. Barnardo's Boys: School of Arts, Burwood, 8.
Town Hall: Organ Recital, 3.15.
Ascot Races: First Race, 2.15.
Wilbur Wright Aeroplane: Victoria Park, 4.
The Stadium: Boxing, 3 and 8.30.
Theatre Royal: "Zaza," 7.50.
Criterion Theatre: "Julius Caesar," 2 and 8.
Her Majesty's: "Havana," 2 and 7.50.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 2.30 and 7.30.
Palace Theatre: "The Wedding Ring," 2 and 8.
National Amphitheatre: Vaudeville, 2.30 and 7.45.
Clay's Vaudeville: St. George's Hall, Newtown, 8.
Zoological Gardens and Aquarium: 10.
Bijou Theatre: Moving Pictures, 2.30 and 8.
Spencer's Theatrescope: Lyceum, 2.30 and 8.
Glaciarium: West's Pictures, 2.30 and 8.
Fairyland Trip: No. 7 Jetty, Circular Quay, 10, 1.15.
Society of Artists: Queen Victoria Markets, 10.
Knight-Smith's Hall, Willoughby: Concert, 8.
Mr. G. T. Walden, M.A.: Y.M.C.A., 1.15.
Rev. W. S. Maqueen: Paddington Town Hall, 7.45.
Coogee Aquarium: The "Pom-Poms," 3 and 8.
Miss Emilie Morrow's Pupils: Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.45.
"Electrelle" Recital: 16 O'Connell-street, 10.

RETURN OR FREE LABOUR

GOVERNMENT OFFERS ALTERNATIVE.

"PUBLIC MUST HAVE COAL."

APPEAL BY ACTING PREMIER.

THE CONSPIRACY CASES.

REMAND TO SYDNEY REFUSED.

COMMONWEALTH COURT DECLINES TO INTERVENE.

MINERS' MINES CLOSING.

The Government to-day will invite the coalowners to open their mines, and the miners to work.

In making this statement in Parliament yesterday, the Acting Premier said that the public offered the miners industrial boards to inquire into their grievances.

If this offer is not accepted, and the mineowners can get men to work their mines, those men will be protected.

Mr. Justice Isaacs decided yesterday that the Commonwealth Court of Arbitration could not intervene merely because the coal strike had involved the Gippsland miners in Victoria.

Mr. Hughes said last night that the miners' mines were going to close. It is understood that this is due to the price offered by the railways.

The South Australian Government has informed the Government of New South Wales that, in the event of the water supply failing at Broken Hill at the end of the year, it cannot guarantee to run relief trains.

Mr. Hughes interviewed the Premier yesterday. Seen afterwards, Mr. Wade said there was nothing of consequence in the interview.

The magistrate at Newcastle refused the application of the Crown for a remand of Messrs. Bowling, Brennan, and Burns to Sydney.

FREE LABOUR.

GOVERNMENT ACTION.

INVITATION TO OPEN MINES.

WORKMEN WILL BE PROTECTED.

It was announced in political circles yesterday that when the Legislative Assembly met the adjournment would be moved, with a view to criticising the action of the Government in setting the law in motion against the strike leaders. That course was not taken, but a series of questions was asked, one of which drew from the Acting Premier a statement of the further intentions of the Government with respect to the re-opening of the collieries.

Mr. FITZPATRICK: Are you providing a supply of coal for the public?

The ACTING PREMIER: There can be no doubt that the shortage of coal is a very serious matter. It is well known that many industries have already closed down. Many thousands of innocent workmen are out of employment owing to there being no fuel. I am informed that one of our largest suburbs is likely to be in darkness within seven days. The position is very serious. It is a serious difficulty for the Government to meet. However, the Government has made up its mind that to-morrow it will invite the coalowners to open their mines for work. (Ministerial cheers.) The Government will also invite the miners to return to work. (Labour laughter.) Both sides will be able to obtain all the benefits of the Industrial Disputes Act. (Labour laughter.) In the west, under that Act, the men's grievances had been inquired into, and an award was about to be made, and can be made. In the south claims were made by both sides, but they were not proceeded with. In the case of the north, a compulsory board has been appointed. If that invitation of the general public, who are the sufferers—(hear, hear)—and against whom the strike seems to be hurled in defiance, is not accepted, then if the mineowners can get the men to mine the coal, the Government is prepared to afford those men the necessary protection. (Ministerial cheers and disorder.)

Mr. Charlton and others: Blacklegs!

The ACTING PREMIER: As it is imperative that coal should be obtained, that is the straightforward course to adopt. There are many independent miners capable of doing the work. There are the mines ready to be worked. And there is the industrial law ready to protect both sides in three parts of the State. There is no difficulty, in the judgment of the Government, to prevent these mines getting to work within the next day or two. It is a fair offer. The Government does not wish to take advantage of either the men or the owners. (Labour laughter.) Nothing is to be gained by the continuance of this industrial dispute, which everyone can see is going to bring disaster upon the country, as well as upon the industry concerned. I sincerely hope the Government's offer to both sides will have the desired effect, and that the strike will speedily come to an end. (Labour laughter.)

Mr. M'GOWEN: In the event of the mineowners not getting this labour to work the mines in the interests of the public, will the Government be prepared to take these Government leases and work them temporarily? (Labour cheers.)

The ACTING PREMIER: The course I have already indicated will be taken first. If that is not successful, and another position arises, the Government will be prepared to take other steps. (Labour dissent.)

Mr. CHARLTON: As it is necessary to secure a coal supply for the public in the most expeditious manner, will the Premier request the mineowners to meet the men in open conference, and if they refuse, will he cancel all coal mining leases on Crown lands, with a view of working them in the interests of the State?

The ACTING PREMIER: Every possible effort has been made to bring the contending parties together, but without success, and I do not think that a further effort in this direction would have any better result. We have something very much better than an open conference. We have the Industrial Disputes Act, which more fully meets our needs than an open conference. As to the cancellation of the leases because the men refuse to work—I say at once that the Government could not possibly agree to anything of the kind. (Cheers and dissent.)

APPEAL FOR COAL.

GOVERNMENT AND MINES.

DARKNESS AND FAMINE THREATENED

SERIOUS POSITION AT BROKEN HILL.

"The statement I made in the Legislative Assembly on behalf of the Government," said the Acting Premier, Mr. Lee, last night, is intended to notify the mineowners and the miners of the desires and intentions of the Government.

"So far as the western miners are concerned, they had no cause of complaint with the mineowners, who had already met them at a wages' board court and threshed out their differences, and were awaiting an award. The men were at work, and the conditions between them and the employers were satisfactory. Their strike is, therefore, merely one of sympathy. They had no ground whatever to offer for the action they had taken. The mineowners have been willing, and I understand are willing, for the men to return to work, so that in this district there is no barrier in the way whatever. They have no cause of trouble with the owners, and have nothing even to put before them.

"In the case of the south, the owners and miners joined in a wages' court, placed their scheme before it, and, up to a certain point, such was to be included in an award. Their strike also was one of sympathy. The men had really no cause of quarrel with their employers, other than the grievances they had already placed before the board for investigation. The mineowners have been, and are, willing for the men to go to work, and there is, therefore, no barrier to prevent them returning.

"In the case of the northern miners and mineowners there is no court, but the Government is establishing a compulsory board, which will be gone on with, whether acceptable to either side or not. The investigations will be made, the miners' grievances inquired into, and everything that can possibly be done in a conference can be brought out before this board in the public light, under oath; and when the award is given it will have the force of law behind it and will have to be obeyed. The miners, therefore, will be entirely protected, which they could not be under any form of conference, because whatever arrangements they might come to, there was no law behind to enforce it.

"This shows the way is clear for the men and owners to resume work without any loss of independence or dignity on either side, and no injustice will be done to the men or the owners. This being the clear position, and recognising the duties of both parties in the matter, the Government, by its declaration in Parliament, is publicly inviting both owners and miners to resume work. If the owners are willing and the men are unwilling then the miners can have no further excuse. On the other hand, if the owners are willing and can find other labour to work the mines, the Government is prepared to afford them the fullest protection.

"The force of this declaration and invitation lies in the fact that the industrial war is now waged at the public who, through no fault of their own, are made to suffer, because of the want of fuel. Industries are stopped in every direction; the suburbs and cities are within a few days of being in darkness; thousands of innocent men, women, and children are penniless through the trouble, and there is within immediate reach one of the most calamitous positions that a large body of people have ever had to face in this State. I refer to Broken Hill, where a water famine is not only threatened but appears to be almost certain at the latest at the end of this month. The Government has already sent up some miles of piping, pumps, and iron reservoir tanks for the purpose of pumping water from a source in the vicinity of Broken Hill, which will keep the population going for about 13 or 14 days.

"After that, the only possible place for obtaining water is South Australia, and it has to be conveyed by train a considerable distance. This was the course resorted to during the previous water famine in Broken Hill. It has been intimated to the Government that there is no certainty that the South Australian Government will be able to assist us with trains, owing to the lack of coal. It is impossible to contemplate a population of some 30,000 people in a place like Broken Hill to be absolutely without water. It means the complete abolition of the place, the closing down of the mines, and absolute desolation. It shows how acute the demand is at the present time, and when these facts are considered on the one hand, and the bitterness of the industrial struggle on the other, it justifies the Government in making the strongest appeal to both owners and men to terminate this industrial strife at once. The strike must come to an end sooner or later, and all parties now know that the Government is determined to cope with any and every phase of it as it may occur.

"The public interests are paramount, and the offer of the Government is to prevent complete paralysis of the industrial life, and at the same time to avoid taking action that may continue the distress even after the termination of the strike. The Government have been most forbearing during the whole of this unhappy period, and it now appeals to the higher feelings of both owners and men in the interests of the public who have been made to suffer so severely through no fault of their own."

THE PROPRIETORS.

HAVE NOT DISCUSSED QUESTION.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

Mr. F. Livingstone Learmonth, chairman of the Northern Colliery Proprietors' Defence Association, stated to-day that the question of the employment of free labour had not been considered in any way by the proprietors.

"If any individual proprietor employed free labour, would his action be regarded as breaking away from the vend?" he was asked.

"I cannot say anything on that subject. I know nothing about the rumours going about in regard to the employment of non-unionists; nor does the association. You can say we have not discussed the matter in any way."

"It has been stated that miners are to be brought from Victoria?"

"That is also news to me," he replied.

WALLARAH COLLIERY.

FREE LABOUR NOT THOUGHT OF.

It was rumoured in Sydney yesterday that a certain mine in the north, in which comparatively little labour was necessary, and which was not dependent on the Government railways, but could load its own coal from its own trucks into its own boats, and carry it by sea, was likely to be worked by free labour.

The Wallarah mine is one to which this description very closely fits. But Mr. E. A. Norton, the manager, when questioned yesterday, said: "You may give the report an emphatic denial so far as the Wallarah mine is concerned. We have not yet considered the subject of free labour."

STARTING WORK.

COAL FOR PUBLIC SERVICES.

CERTAIN MINES PREPARING.

PROPRIETORS INFORMALLY APPROACHED.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

It can now be stated almost definitely that within the next few days certain mines on the northern field will, if the negotiations now in progress are successful, start work with free labour, with the assistance of the Government. It is understood that there have been no formal negotiations between the Government and the proprietors in connection with this matter, but it is definitely known that when in Sydney last week Mr. Learmonth had a private bedside interview with Mr. Wade. A day or two afterwards Mr. Wade made an important public statement, in which marked reference was made to working the mines, and the provision of ample police protection. In pursuance of this conversation, it is believed that Mr. Learmonth put the position before the colliery proprietors on the northern field, and at all events it is definitely known that the matter was discussed. What the proposal is exactly has not yet transpired. It is believed that the mines are either to be taken over from the present owners by the Government, or worked with the latter's assistance, and the output of coal is to be devoted solely towards supplying the various public services, such as the railways, ferries, and gas and electric lighting companies. Although informal negotiations have evidently been proceeding between the Government and the proprietors for some days, there has been great reluctance on the part of the latter to work their mines; and it was only after a good deal of pressure had been brought to bear that they have agreed to the proposal.

The Proprietors' Association held two meetings to-day. The first meeting took place in the morning, but it lasted only a brief time, and then adjourned until the afternoon. Mr. Learmonth, the president, when seen before lunch, said that the only matter discussed was the appointment of Mr. H. S. Forsyth to represent the proprietors on the compulsory mining board. In the afternoon, however, some of the proprietors again met, and in regard to this meeting great secrecy was observed. Although it is understood no formal communication was received from the Government, the possibilities of working the mines were discussed at considerable length. There was a sincere desire to assist the Government in providing coal for the Public Service, but there were a number of disadvantages to be taken into consideration. The proprietors whose mines it was proposed to take over were rather reluctant to allow them to be taken out of their hands. Ultimately, however, it is understood that it was decided to agree to the proposals on certain conditions. It was urged that if the mines were taken over much permanent damage might be done to the workings by the employment of comparatively unskilled labour; and the opposition to the proposal was principally on this ground. It was stated, however, that this opposition would be overcome if the Government would hold itself responsible for any damage that was occasioned or for any consequences that might follow through a boycott of the mines by unionists that it was believed would ensue after the present strike ended. It was understood that the proprietors principally concerned finally agreed to work in with the Government, if the latter accepted these conditions, and an early opportunity will be taken to acquaint Mr. Wade with this decision. The meeting lasted until nearly 6 o'clock; but all the members of the association were very reticent in regard to the discussion that had taken place.

The principal difficulty in the way of working these mines is that of obtaining sufficient labour. It is certain that none of the unionists on the field would countenance the proposal. Free labour will therefore have to be employed, and there is little skilled labour available. One of the provisions of the Coalmines Regulation Act is that no miner may work at the face unless he has at least two years' experience or is accompanied by another experienced miner. To overcome this it has been suggested by one of the proprietors that the Government should put through a short measure repealing this provision to meet the present emergency, and it is pointed out in support of this that the mines proposed to be worked do not require such highly skilled labour as other mines on the field, the hewing being mostly done by machines. However, if this suggestion is not feasible it is possible to secure the labour by other means. At all the mines, or nearly all on the field, there were deputies or shift bosses, and shiftmen employed who have remained loyal to the proprietors during the strike. These men are mostly experienced miners, and if they could be got together with other non-unionists, sufficient labour would be provided to work at least two of the mines, and turn out sufficient coal to meet the requirements of the public service. This will probably be the course adopted.

Although nothing is known definitely, indications point to the conclusion that two of the largest mines, both being practically self-contained, having their own shipping and railway facilities, are to be worked. Both could easily be protected by a force of police, and most of the coal is hewn by machines. It is known that both mines have been got ready for the resumption of work on the shortest notice.

Now that this information has come out the despatch of a strong force of police to Newcastle can be accounted for. As previously stated a strong body of mounted police is now encamped at the show grounds, and the foot police are still in barracks in the city. They will be drafted out to the districts in which the mines are situated.

The output from both mines could easily be brought up to over 4000 tons per day, and this would provide an adequate supply for all public services.

THE ARRESTS.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT

"THE MATTER SUB JUDICE."

THE DESPATCH OF POLICE.

In the Legislative Assembly last evening Mr. Estell asked the Acting Premier to state the reasons for Messrs. Bowling and Brennan being arrested in Newcastle, instead of Sydney or some intermediate station. He further asked whether the Minister was aware that the strike leaders were allowed to mingle with 3000 or 4000 people before being apprehended, and whether such a procedure was not likely to provoke an outbreak.

The ACTING PREMIER: These are matters which are left entirely in the hands of the police. The matter is now sub judice, and I am unable to say anything more at the present time.

Mr. CHARLTON: Has any breach of the peace been committed which has necessitated the sending of additional police? Was the arrest of these men in such a public fashion likely to cause a breach of the peace? Will the Chief Secretary take immediate action to ascertain who was responsible for this unpardonable blunder? (Ministerial laughter.)

The CHIEF SECRETARY: If the hon. member will condense his series of questions into one or two, so as to give me an opportunity of supplying a full answer, I shall be glad to do so.

Mr. CHARLTON: I will give notice for to-morrow if you like.

The CHIEF SECRETARY: I will say at once that for the strengthening of the police force at Newcastle and West Maitland the Inspector-General in the exercise of his judgment is responsible. I presume that he has acted much in the same way as was done with respect to Broken Hill; and the governing feature is, I believe, to ensure that difficulties will not occur. (Labour laughter.) He has been largely influenced, no doubt, by the statements made in Newcastle that if anything was done riots would take place. He is charged with the maintenance of order. The police are at his disposal. And in accordance with his powers he has strengthened the force at Newcastle and Maitland. Nothing disastrous has followed, and inasmuch as nothing has occurred I don't think hon. members are wise at this juncture in suggesting all sorts of things. (Hear, hear.) The hon. member may some day realise that those charged with responsibility are always open to insinuations and innuendoes. The only motive for strengthening the police at Newcastle and Maitland is, so far as I understand, that the Inspector-General contemplated that it was possible, so much having been said about what would happen, that additional police might be necessary.

Mr. M'GOWEN: Do you think the arrests were necessary at Newcastle?

The CHIEF SECRETARY: My hon. friend is going to give notice of that.

Mr. ESTELL: Seeing that the Government has appointed a board, why has the inquiry been preceded by the arrests?

The ACTING PREMIER: The two matters are entirely separate. The board has been appointed to inquire into the merits of the dispute. The arrests were made for a breach of the law.

Colonel ONSLOW: Is not the collection of funds to assist law-breakers an offence for which offenders may be prosecuted? (Disorder.)

Mr. Moxham rose to supplement the question, but the Speaker declined to allow it.

THE NEWCASTLE CASES.

REMAND TO SYDNEY REFUSED.

ADJOURNED TILL MONDAY.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

Messrs. Bowling, Burns, and Brennan, Miners' Federation officials, who were arrested on Saturday on a charge of conspiracy, again appeared at the Newcastle Police Court this morning, before Mr. Wilkinson, S.M. Superintendent Saunders appeared to prosecute. Mr. J. D. Reid, of Messrs. Reid and Reid, appeared for the defendants Bowling and Brennan, and Mr. T. A. Braye, of Messrs. Braye and Cohen, for defendant Burns. The court was again crowded.

Superintendent Saunders applied for a remand to Sydney.

Detective Bradley, attached to the Crown Law Department, said that two other defendants had been arrested on a similar charge, and one of them was now on remand to appear at the Water Police Court, Sydney, on Thursday next. A number of the principal witnesses of the Crown have to be summoned from the southern and western districts of the State. Many witnesses were also resident in Sydney, and there was a quantity of documentary evidence in Sydney at the present moment.

Superintendent Saunders: Can you say whether or not it is advisable or not in the interest of justice to get a remand to Sydney?

Mr. Reid: I object, your worship.

Superintendent Saunders did not press the question.

Witness applied for a remand to the Water Police Court, Sydney, at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning.

Mr. Reid: Of the five defendants arrested on this charge, how many reside in Newcastle?—Witness: I understand the three defendants now in court reside here, but I cannot tell you how many more.

Mr. Braye: The offence is alleged to have been committed in Newcastle. Are there any witnesses here?

Witness: No doubt there are a number of the principal witnesses residing in Newcastle, but there are others in the southern and western districts.

Mr. Reid: The material part of the evidence in books and documents, is in Newcastle, is it not?—I think the documents and books are in Sydney now.

Mr. Reid: When were they taken from Newcastle?—I don't know.

Supt. Saunders: I am instructed to say that for the convenience of the Crown a remand to Sydney is asked for. The police are charged with asking for a remand to Sydney simply to inconvenience the defendants.

Mr. Reid: I don't say that.

Supt. Saunders: Yes, you do; and Mr. Braye says so also. I am carrying out instructions from my point of view. The defendants can only guess at what our case is. They have not positive knowledge unless we have traitors in our camp, and I don't think we have. When they have heard our case and they know what evidence they have to meet they can, if they think it will prejudice their case, make an application to the magistrate, and I think the Crown will consent to have their witnesses heard in Newcastle as far as possible. The Crown will not inconvenience them in their defence. What can be fairer than that? The Crown law authorities have decided that it is necessary for public convenience, and for the convenience of the majority of the important witnesses, that the case should be heard in Sydney. Sydney is the pivot from which this case can be worked.

The Bench: In what way would the Crown be prejudiced by having the case heard here. I can understand that the defendants might be seriously prejudiced by being sent to Sydney. This seems to me an unusual application.

Superintendent Saunders: You have set me rather a severe task to satisfy you as to how the Crown case could be prejudiced. I am not aware that I used that word. I am contending that the case can be most conveniently heard in Sydney, where the principal Crown witnesses are at the present time. There is a lot of industrial unrest here.

Mr. Braye: I strongly object to that, your Worship. I am sure you know personally that there is no unrest or turmoil here. There may be some disturbance of labour conditions.

The Bench: This is an ordinary conspiracy case, and I don't attach any more importance to it than I would to another case. There can be no partisanship. The Bench must free its mind of any special circumstances. If the Bench is to be swayed by circumstances of that kind, and do anything that it would not do if this strike were not on, there would be something lacking. Special action cannot be taken because there happens to be a strike on. That does not appeal to me.

Superintendent Saunders: I can only say that it is an important case in this way—there are several persons charged, and one of the accused might just as well demand to be taken to the southern district to be tried, because he resides there.

Mr. Reid strongly opposed the application. He said the Crown had shown no reason why the men should be remanded to Sydney. Their case would not be prejudiced by having it heard, and the only grounds for making the application was on the question of convenience to Crown witnesses. Mr. Saunders evidently forgot that there are 40 witnesses for the defence living about Newcastle.

Superintendent Saunders: You can have them heard here.

Mr. Reid: If you thought that the Crown case might be prejudiced there might be some excuse. Four out of five defendants reside in Newcastle, and the fifth was here at the time the offence was alleged to have been committed. You want to drag these defendants and all the witnesses away to Sydney to convenience the Crown, but they are entitled to just as much consideration as the Crown.

The Bench: The offence is alleged to have been committed here. A number of the principal witnesses, the defendants, and their solicitors, reside here, and as a matter of convenience to the prosecutor I am asked to remand them to a court 100 miles away, where they might be placed at a great disadvantage. It seems to me that by acting in that way I would not be acting fairly towards the parties. I have given the matter very serious consideration. Unless it can be shown that inconvenience or interference with justice would result by having the case heard here, they should not be remanded to a distant court. It seems to me it would be a very great disadvantage to the accused, and of no particular advantage to the Crown. The Crown or a private individual are on the same footing as prosecutors. If the prosecutor were a private individual in this case I think it would be grossly unfair to have the case heard in another district, where the offence was not committed, and the magistrate who granted such an application would render himself liable to severe censure for neglecting the interests of the parties for the defence. I cannot, in justice to what I consider my duty, grant the request of the Crown.

Superintendent Saunders then asked for a remand until Monday next at the Newcastle Court-house. This was granted, bail being fixed as before.

After the bail had been satisfactorily arranged the accused, accompanied by their solicitors, left the court. A big crowd was waiting outside, and as they appeared on the steps of the Court-house there was some applause.

THE CASE OF MR. LEWIS.

GUNNEDAH, Tuesday.

Amram Lewis appeared at the police court this morning, but the hearing was further adjourned till to-morrow, the cause for the adjournment being the non-arrival of the warrant. Mr. Cohen, solicitor, from Newcastle, will appear on defendant's behalf.

THE MINERS' MINES.

TO BE CLOSED DOWN.

MEN OBJECT TO WORKING THEM.

THE ARRESTS A FACTOR.

Mr. Hughes said last night that the miners' mines, the Ebbw Main and the Young Wallsend, are to be closed down.

There appear to be several reasons for the closing. For one thing, it is said that the men hitherto at work have been strongly influenced by the fact of the arrests. Why this should influence them so strongly against working is not clear. At any rate, it is said that for several days they have not been over-anxious to go on working, and now the strike congress, in whose hands the matter lies, is likely to close the mines down. So far, however, no actual decision has been reached.

Another reason for the closing is the price which the Railway Commissioners are offering for the coal from these mines. The Commissioners announced a few days ago that they would require the whole output of coal. But they are stated to have offered only 15s a ton for it, and as they are said to have paid much higher prices for coal obtained elsewhere the miners do not consider they are being treated fairly. There has always been a large minority in the strike congress which has been opposed to the whole mine scheme, on the ground that it is flatly opposed to the principles on which the miners came out on strike; that it plays into the enemies' hands, and that it involves the taking of an advantage from the need of the public. There was also the danger that these mines might cause dissension in the ranks of the miners' amalgamation—that the south and west might be jealous of the fact that some of the northern men had work, while they had none. No doubt all these grounds of objection, as well as the arrests and the low price offered by the Commissioners, had their share of influence towards the closing down of the miners' mines.

OUTPUT YESTERDAY, 1200 TONS.

THE PRICE OF THE COAL.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

Both the Young Wallsend and Ebbw Main mines worked two full shifts yesterday; and the output for the day totalled about 1200 tons. The coal was all filled into Government hoppers and trucks and taken delivery of by the Railway Department. No hitch has occurred at either mine, and the men working express satisfaction with their conditions. It is understood that the price to be paid for the coal has been settled by the Commissioner and the company. It is believed to be in the vicinity of 15s per ton. On this basis, the Miners' Federation should receive on the present output something like £200 per day, or £2200 per fortnight of 11 days. This amount, although nothing like that originally mentioned, is still a handsome addition to the strike fund, and should go far towards maintaining the men while the strike lasts.

THE BOARD.

PROPRIETORS' ASSOCIATION

HAVE NO OBJECTION.

MR. FORSYTH'S APPOINTMENT APPROVED.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

A meeting of the Northern Colliery Proprietors' Defence Association was held this morning.

On being seen afterwards, Mr. F. Livingstone Learmonth (chairman) said it was just the usual meeting, and only routine business had been transacted.

"Did you refer to Mr. Forsyth's appointment to the compulsory board?" he was asked, he replied "Yes, it was mentioned, and we have made no objection to the board. The proprietors as a body approve of Mr. Forsyth sitting."

"The proprietors give their approval; although the men are not returning to work first?" "I cannot say anything on that aspect of the question. I do not know whether the board will sit in Newcastle or Sydney. We have had no official communication in regard to the matter, and we have really gathered all we know from the papers."

"Do you think the compulsory board will be able to settle the question in dispute?" "No; I cannot say what the board will do; and I do not know that the proprietors have prepared a case to put before it. All the information I can give you is that which I have tendered; namely, that the proprietors take no exception to the board, and that they approve of Mr. Forsyth's appointment."

THE FALSE PROPHETS.

MR. SCHEY ON LABOUR LEGISLATION.

PRAISE OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT.

In view of the present industrial warfare, and the inability of the Industrial Disputes Act to prevent strikes, the following passages from the report of the Director of Labour, Mr. Schey (submitted to Parliament last night), for the year ended June 30, are of some little significance. Mr. Schey says:—

"The Industrial Disputes Act has already lived down the bitter hostility of sections of trades-unionists, a majority of them having already applied for the appointment of wages boards to determine the rates of wages and conditions of labour in their particular industries. The opinion is fast gaining ground in industrial circles that greater benefits are likely to accrue from the operations of the Act than could be expected from the method of strike. Strikes are rarely successful in determining all that is demanded, settlements being generally in the nature of a compromise, and that only after bitter suffering among the women and children dependent upon the strikers. How different is the quiet and orderly process of reference to wages board! No loss of work to employees, no dislocation of industries; and the result in most cases has been better terms obtained than accrue from the strike.

"Nor is this all. There are many smaller and less compact industries in which the operatives could hope for nothing whatever from a strike, even if such could be brought about. For example, shop assistants, jam, starch, pickle, and cardboard box makers, and others of similar occupation, have never found themselves strong enough or united enough to venture on a strike. But, under the Act, they are in as good a position and have equal opportunities with the largest and strongest trades-union.

"The Industrial Disputes Act is therefore likely to play a most important part in the future in preventing and settling all kinds of industrial disturbances."

THE FEDERAL ASPECT.

NO INTERVENTION.

MR. JUSTICE ISAACS' DECISION.

ACTION BEFORE FEDERAL ARBITRATION COURT.

A petition was before Mr. Justice Isaacs, as Deputy President of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, on Monday and yesterday from the coalminers of Victoria, in the following terms:—"We, the undersigned coalminers of Victoria, hereby state that we are in dispute with our employers, and are also in sympathy with the Newcastle miners in their dispute with the New South Wales colliery proprietors, and are prepared to go out on strike unless our united grievances are at once submitted to the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for settlement." Then followed the signatures of 300 miners. The petition was brought to Sydney by Mr. Stewart, registrar of the Court, and presented to Mr. Justice Isaacs. His Honor considered the matter carefully, and directed a reply, which was communicated by Mr. Stewart to the press.

The registrar said: "I am directed by his Honor Mr. Justice Isaacs, as Deputy President of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, to say that he has given very careful and anxious consideration to the petition you have presented. With every disposition to discharge the duty of mediation imposed upon him, in aid of the industrial peace of the Commonwealth, if the necessary and proper conditions were shown to exist, his Honor, upon all the materials before him, and having regard to the decisions of the High Court of Australia and a recent case in the House of Lords (Conway v Wade, 25 T.L.R., 779), is, however, of opinion, that in the circumstances disclosed, the law does not authorise or contemplate his intervention."

REFERENCE IN THE SENATE.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD INTERVENE.

"BOSSED" BY STATE GOVERNMENT.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

In the Senate to-day Senator Delargie (W.A.) moved the adjournment of the House to call attention to the serious position of the coal strike. He declared that the New South Wales coal trade was practically in the hands of a trust known as the coal vend.

Senator Dobson: How can you have a trust in coal when there's no coal to have a trust in?

Senator Delargie: The Federal Parliament had full power to interfere. It was useless to look to the New South Wales Government for a settlement. A sum of £10,000 had been paid away by the mine-owners to victimise members of the union.

Senator Dobson: What do you mean by victimise?

Senator Delargie: As an instance, Mr. Burns, who has been arrested, was a victimised man for several months. Because men held positions in the union they were discharged. The arrest of the strike leaders was the crowning act of folly. No settlement would be arrived at by the New South Wales Government.

Senator Dobson: So long as the men break the law.

Senator Delargie: Common sense would prevail with the people, even if it did not prevail with Senator Dobson. The action of the New South Wales Government had been one-sided from the start. Although the railway authorities in New South Wales had been prepared to pay £2 per ton to the mine-owners, they commandeered the coal from the co-operative collieries at 10s per ton. The coalminers of Newcastle were the wrong men to be "bossed" and tyrannised by the New South Wales Government. The miners' coal had been confiscated. The Federal Parliament was supreme, and could settle the matter if it thought fit.

Senator Dobson: What action do you suggest?

Senator Stewart: Take over half a dozen collieries.

Senator Delargie: If I were in office I would not hesitate to suggest a course of action.

Senator Fraser (Vic.): Have you no idea about it?

Senator Delargie: Had there been any riot at the time the strike leaders were arrested in Newcastle the New South Wales Government would have been to blame.

Senator Henderson (W.A.) observed that when he visited the Newcastle field about 15 months ago the miners were suffering many hardships. The mineowners had flouted the requirements of the men, and the present position had been connived at by the proprietors. The mine-owners had during the past two years refused to redress the men's grievances.

Senator Dobson: Is that a fact?

Senator Henderson: Yes, it was an absolute fact. Every tittle of evidence in connection with the history of coal-mining in the northern district of New South Wales during the past 12 months would prove his assertion. Members were astonished to find that the Government, after getting a warrant signed for the arrest of the strike leaders in Sydney, engaged a special motor-car to carry that warrant to——

The President: The hon. member's time is exhausted.

Senator M'Gregor (S.A.) was of opinion that no matter of such far-reaching importance should be without the scope of the Federal Parliament.

Senator Dobson: Do you mean nationalisation?

Senator M'Gregor: Yes, if necessary. An Arbitration and Conciliation Act had been passed, which was not worth the paper on which it was written. It had failed in its object. The object of the legislation was to prevent strikes, yet up to date nothing had been done in that direction. Parliament would not be carrying out the intention of the Constitution if it did not endeavour to prevent strikes.

Senator Pulsford (N.S.W.) took the view that the work of the miner was hard, disagreeable, and dangerous.

Senator Trenwith (Vic.): Unnecessarily dangerous.

Senator Pulsford: The shareholders in the coal mines in New South Wales number about 7000.

Senator Henderson: A large number of them are in England.

Senator Pulsford had always been of opinion that in an industrial dispute the offer of a conference should be accepted.

Senator Dobson (Tas.) declared that the fact that trade and commerce were almost paralysed was due to the 12,000 men who laid down their tools without any warning. The proprietors had taken up the right attitude in stating that the men must return to work before any conference could take place. The relations of employer and employee had now ceased, and some of the Arbitration Acts had no jurisdiction. The members of the Federal Labour party should take some practical steps to settle the matter. Talk would not settle it.

Senator Pearce (W.A.) said that the men had struck work as the result of a long series of disappointment and dissatisfaction. They had struck work in a dramatic way in order to rivet public attention on their grievances. The employers now wanted them to go back to where they were. The men would be fools to do so. The State Government held the key of the situation. It could settle the position in a few minutes by an Act of Parliament. It could compel the proprietors to work their leases. The penal clauses of the Industrial Disputes Act remained a dead-letter, so far as the employers were concerned. The New South Wales Government was a partisan Government. He had no hope of the State Government doing anything to settle the dispute. The Federal Government should take action similar to that taken by President Roosevelt several years ago to end a big strike in America.

The Vice-President of the Executive Council: What was that?

Senator Pearce: Take over the mines and work them for the benefit of the people.

The Vice-President of the Executive Council: That means nationalisation.

Senator Trenwith (Vic.) considered that, even if there was fault on both sides, the parties to the dispute were insignificant compared to the general community, who had no voice in it. The strike emphasised the necessity for amended federal legislation. The coal belonged to the people of New South Wales, and it was the duty of the State Government to step in. He did not think the Federal Parliament had power to intervene.

The Vice-President of the Executive Council (Senator Millen) said that at present the Commonwealth had no status whatever in the present dispute. It was not in the power of the federation to interpose, and for that reason it would be highly injudicious for the Commonwealth to interfere at present. It might be disastrous for the Government to intervene.

Senator Needham (W.A.) and Senator Findlay (Vic.) urged the Federal Government to do everything in its power to promote a peaceful settlement of the trouble.

Senator De Largie then withdrew his motion.

THE CAMPAIGN.

THE STRIKE CONGRESS.

MR. BOWLING'S SUCCESSOR.

BIG QUESTIONS UNDECIDED.

The strike congress sat for a couple of hours yesterday morning, and from 2.30 until 6.30 in the afternoon. The vice-president of the Northern Federation, Mr. M'Williams, was present, taking Mr. Bowling's place as one of the northern delegates. The representatives of the coal-lumpers, Messrs. O'Connor and Butler, were also present.

The congress considered both the arrests and Mr. Lee's wages board, but, according to Mr. Hughes, no decision was come to in regard to either.

During the afternoon Messrs. Holman, Estell and Carmichael, Ms.L.A., visited the Trades Hall. Mr. Hughes explained, however, that their visit had nothing to do with negotiations for a settlement. They did not even enter the strike room.

The congress meets again at 11.30 to-day.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS' WORSE.

MR. HUGHES ON THE POSITION.

THREE WAYS OF GETTING COAL.

"The position," said Mr. Hughes yesterday, "has not improved. It is worse than it was yesterday, 24 hours' worse. If you were to be hanged at the end of the week wouldn't your position be 24 hours' worse every day?

"The coal famine is becoming more acute. In a few days it will reach a stage at which the public won't be able to endure it. The Government has suggested no expedient towards promoting a settlement, nor has it done anything to ease the situation.

"Some way will have to be found to get coal. There are three ways in which it may be got.

"First, by working the mines with free labour.

"Second, by importing coal from abroad.

"Third, by persuading the coal-miners to go back to work.

"As to working the mines by free labour, one hears a lot about that, but anyone who understands the situation must be satisfied that there's nothing in it. It may produce disorder, but it certainly won't produce coal in any quantity that will sensibly affect the situation.

"As to importing from abroad, this would be in any case, a matter of time. The amount obtainable would be quite inadequate to relieve the situation.

"There remains then only one means of dealing with the position effectively; that is by getting the miners to go back to work. This, in its turn, is possible only in one or two ways: Either by granting them an open conference, which would settle their grievances; or by the Government's taking action itself and possibly working the mines on behalf of the community."

"Mr. Charlton," said Mr. Hughes, "informs me that he has had very great success in organising in Victoria, and that most satisfactory financial results have followed.

"No," Mr. Hughes said finally, "all negotiations towards a settlement have not been suspended."

WATERSIDE WORKERS.

ROUT OF THE REDS.

"WHITE ANTS IN LABOUR'S HOME."

TWO YEARS' RECORD OF FAILURES.

"PRESS THE BUTTON AND THE WORLD STANDS STILL."

The decision of the previous night was the chief topic of conversation yesterday along the wharfs. The majority of the wharf-labourers were shaking hands with themselves. They rejoiced that they had had sense enough to be guided by their president, Mr. Hughes, and not be led away by the extreme socialists. The minority were, however, very discontented. They had failed to bring about chaos on the waterside, and asserted that the men were fools to be guided by a congress that was playing loose and fast with the whole business. But the work progressed on the different wharfs, and it was estimated that, out of a total of about 2000 wharf-labourers on the union books, 1600 were at work.

Right round the waterside there was a busy scene. Ship-owners and stevedores were not taking any risks. The congress might call the men out at any moment.

The coal-lumpers, on the other hand, were practically idle. Their decision not to load or unload the Palermo or any other vessel having foreign coal left them little to do. The difference between the coal-lumpers and the wharf-labourers is that while the majority of the lumpers hold advanced socialist ideas, and, in many instances, are advocating the revolutionary methods, the wharf-labourers have not reached that stage. Most of them swear by W. M. Hughes and the Parliamentary Labour party.

"Billy Hughes is one too many for them," remarked a wharf-labourer yesterday, "when that meeting started. It was dead on for a strike. Constantine had the meeting with him, and when Billy Hughes, Paterson, Gray, and other men spoke, they seemd to have no influence over the chaps, who were yelling and shouting "We want strike." Constantine moved an amendment that the workers of Australia ought to lay down their tools to-morrow morning and demand the release of the imprisoned men. He called Billy Hughes a wriggler and said he was in with the other side, and was a disgrace to unionism. That brought Billy to his feet for a second speech, and how did he lose his block. He raved to the meeting 'Are you men going to hell and perdition, or are you going to follow me and the congress? Have I not led you to victory before? Are you going to follow me or him, or are you going to listen to this fellow Constantine and the wild-cat cry of his party and go down every time? Can you trust me, or can you not; what are you going to do?'

"That fetched them. Up went the hands, and Constantine and his push were defeated by 40 to 1."

"And they will have to be defeated every time," asserted a sympathiser.

Mr. Hughes and his party, which is the recognised Labour party, are up in arms against the extremists, and it becomes a question who is going to lead the fight. Mr. Hughes wants to have a scientific strike worked on the lines of the wharf-labourers' strike on the coastal wharfs 18 months ago, when he brought the wharf-labourers out to-day, the seamen to-morrow, and the carters next day, sending each party back to work as required. So long as the movements of the Steamship Owners' Association were held in check, Mr. Hughes contended that that was all that was required. By that means as little hardship to the men and as little inconvenience to the public as possible was inflicted, and yet the steamers were hung up. So to-day Mr. Hughes believes in preventing the mine-owners of Newcastle from defeating the men, but at the same time he wants as few other unionists to be out of employment as possible, and the public to suffer as little inconvenience as possible. The extremists, on the other hand, want to throw the whole community into chaos, and paralyse business of every kind. That course is in accordance with the ideals of the revolutionists, whose motto is, "Press the button and the world's workers stand still." In Sydney these revolutionists are only an insignificant body numerically, yet they have sown seeds of dissension in many quarters within the past two years. It has been said that they number about 50, all told, and are spoken of as the "white ant in the home of labour."

Two years ago they started with the tailoresses, and they had these poor girls made to believe that they would by striking get higher wages and better working conditions. They absolutely failed in that strike. Then they turned their attention to the coal-lumpers, and soon they had them walking the streets of Sydney, singing "Are we downhearted?" Just as that strike was likely to spread, Mr. W. M. Hughes arrived in Sydney from the Imperial Conference, and settled the trouble in 24 hours, much to the discomfiture of the revolutionaries, who threatened all sorts of things against the Political Labour Party. The Reds then tried to get the waterside workers to strike in a body, but failed as ignominiously as they did with the wharf-labourers on Monday night. They then turned their attention to the rockchoppers, and the end of that strike was the imprisonment of a few of these deluded toilers and a rush back to work. In the meantime two of the leaders of the revolutionists got into the tramway service. They engineered the movement very well as far as getting the men out on strike was concerned, but the strike itself, like its predecessors, ended in a fiasco. The revolutionaries next turned their attention to Broken Hill, and soon they had the miners out on strike. This time two of their number, Tom Mann and Harry Holland, were arrested and prosecuted, and the miners returned to work.

Six big strikes in two years have been organised by the same class. Five of these have been lost to the unionists, while the sixth is in the balance.

FOREIGN COAL.

NO UNION HANDLING.

The coal-lumpers were to have held a meeting yesterday. There were a considerable number of men at the rooms at Miller's Point during the day, but as the president and secretary were at the Trades Hall nothing was done.

Needless to say, there were any amount of occasional informal meetings among the idle men. They have little else to do. Finally the word was passed round that they were to be called together the following day.

After the confusion of Monday's proceedings there has been time to get matters straightened out a little, and it appears that what the lumpers have determined upon as their course throughout the strike is that no importations of coal whatever are to be handled by the unionists, no matter where it comes from. Even should it be unionist coal in every particular from, say, Cardiff, they will refuse to touch it, as being an interference with the strike. If the congress adheres to the determination that foreign coal must be worked it will take the best efforts of the delegates to make the lumpers alter their view. Seemingly the men have by their votes placed confidence in the congress in all but this.

The Gas Company's shipments from Newcastle are not anticipated to cause any trouble, as discharging was commenced yesterday. It is not unlikely, however, that the subject may be mentioned at the meeting this morning. It was perhaps as well that the one called for yesterday was postponed. The lumpers did not appear to have altogether calmed down after the excitement of the past couple of days, and there was any amount of strike talk to be heard. Seeing that there is no work—or next to none—for them to do, it appears peculiar that there should be still some of them enthusiastically willing to formally announce a strike. The strike pay usually attached to the position of being a striker does not seem to carry much weight in the proposal. There is, however, an agreement under which they are working, which comes to an end shortly, and the probabilities are that demands for concessions are in the minds of those who speak about it.

NORTH.

DINED TOGETHER.

COAL OWNERS AND COMMISSIONER.

UNIONISTS IMPUTE MOTIVES.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

In the course of an interview to-day Mr. F. Livingstone Learmonth, chairman of the Northern Colliery Proprietors' Defence Association, was asked: "Did you notice the statement made at Saturday night's mass meeting and published in the papers that Mr. Johnson, Mr. Brown, and yourself dined at a leading hotel in Sydney last week, and that subsequently instructions were issued by the Commissioners to cease the hauling of coal?"

"Well," it seems to me, he said, "that one cannot meet one's friends without some ulterior move being assigned to the act. Mr. Johnson is a personal friend of mine, and has been for a long time; and he has stayed at my house."

"Did you dine with him as stated?"

"Yes, we certainly did dine together in Sydney about 10 days ago."

SUSPENSION OF LABOUR CONDITIONS.

WEST MAITLAND, Tuesday.

Several applications from colliery managers for suspension of labour conditions were granted to-day by the warden (Mr. J. M'Kensey, P.M.). The East Greta Coal Mining Company, Limited, and the Wickham and Bullock Island Coal Company were granted exemptions for two months for mining leases at Stanford Merthyr, Cessnock, Heddon, and Allandale.

THE DELEGATE BOARD.

NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

A meeting of the miners' delegate board was held this afternoon. Mr. D. Rees was appointed chairman in the absence of Mr. Bowling. Mr. B. Rees was appointed acting secretary, and Mr. W. Darr acting treasurer.

Messrs. Bowling and Burns left for Sydney by train this afternoon.

MOUNTED POLICE AT MAITLAND.

WEST MAITLAND, Tuesday.

This afternoon a body of 15 mounted police from Armidale arrived by train, and have pitched their camp on the show ground.

SOUTH.

IN THE DARK.

MINERS WANT INFORMATION.

"WHY DID WE STRIKE?"

WOLLONGONG, Tuesday.

At a meeting of Mount Kembla miners to-day a motion was carried "That Mr. Peter Bowling or other officer of the congress be invited to visit Mount Kembla as soon as possible and explain matters in connection with the coal crisis." Several speakers maintained that they were being kept in the dark as to what was transpiring.

The chairman, Mr. Pollard, was against inviting Mr. Bowling, as he thought Mr. Hughes had fully explained the situation at his meeting at Bellambi on Saturday.

It was decided that the election of association officers should stand over till the crisis was over.

The chairman informed the meeting that he had heard that a number of men had left and secured work elsewhere, some being on small mines on the coast, while others were engaged at other work. He pointed out that these men had violated the rules by not notifying the secretary of their intention to leave the district. A resolution was carried "That a deputation be appointed to wait on the men and request them to discontinue working, and that the strike congress be notified of the names of the men who were supposed to be working in Sydney."

A motion was moved "That the delegate board be instructed to file the southern miners' plaint in the Federal Arbitration Court to settle their grievances," but an amendment on this leaving the whole matter in the hands of the congress was carried.

A letter was received from Mr. G. B. Adams, of Laurel Hill, near Tamworth, asking that a representative be sent to that district to explain the situation, as no one there thoroughly understood what the men came out on strike for.

SHIFTMEN AT MT. KEIRA.

UNIONISTS WANT THE WORK.

"UNSCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES."

WOLLONGONG, Tuesday.

A grave situation has presented itself among the shiftmen employed in the Mount Keira colliery. There have been several men who are not members of the Illawarra Colliery Employees' Association employed at work in repairing screens, lines, etc., and this has caused considerable dissatisfaction among the other shiftmen, who are members of the union, and heretofore have been employed outside the pit. The opinion put forward by these men is that the employees of the colliery who have never paid a penny to the union funds have not as yet been materially affected by the strike, while those who have been members for many years are unnecessarily deprived of a day's work. This loss they attribute to a certain ruling of the local lodge that no member of the union shall resume work until the settlement of the present strike is arrived at. This ruling, the men contend, is irregular, and not in accordance with the proposal of the strike congress that the struggle should be fought on scientific principles.

Colonel Owens' small mine at Balgownie is still working, and is despatching one truck to Sydney daily. The mine is also supplying householders' wants.

A RUMOUR DENIED.

NO WORK AT METROPOLITAN.

HELENSBURGH, Tuesday.

The executive officers of the Helensburgh Lodge deny the rumours regarding the resumption of mining operations at the Metropolitan colliery. Mr. Jooland, the president, affirms that the Helensburgh men are solidly resolute. Extra police have been sent to Helensburgh, but there is nothing for them to do. Everybody is orderly, and there have been no manifestations of excitement.

NATIONALISATION.

VICTORIAN MINISTERS' VIEW.

GOVERNMENT SHOULD WORK MINES.

THEN SETTLE DISPUTE AT LEISURE.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Members of the State Ministry generally express approval of the proposal that the New South Wales Government should take over the Newcastle mines affected by the strike, and work them for the benefit of the public.

"I think the suggestion must commend itself to the public," remarked the Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Graham, to-day. "As the position throughout the Commonwealth is becoming daily more acute through the continuation of the strike. We are feeling the pinch all through Victoria, and the New South Wales Ministry should hesitate no longer. The dispute can be settled at leisure so long as the public is not kept waiting for coal. The farmers will be in a bad way if they cannot get their wheat and other produce away, and if the coal famine continues merchants cannot be expected to buy wheat which may be left on their hands."

NEW ZEALAND STRIKE.

SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE.

MINISTER WILL VISIT MINES.

MEN TO RESUME WORK.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

The executive of the Miners' Federation conferred with the Prime Minister and the Minister for Mines to-day. They represented that in asking the management to do the trucking at the Point Elizabeth Mine, the men now on strike were only asking what obtained in other mines in the Dominion. Though this demand involved the employment of 18 or 20 men, the output must be greatly increased if the miners spent their whole time hewing coal.

As a result of the conference the Minister for Mines promised to visit the mine after the session, and inquire into the men's allegations, with a view to giving the men at Point Elizabeth not less favourable conditions than those now obtaining at other mines.

In these circumstances the executive decided to advise the men on strike to resume work.

NO COAL TO BE EXPORTED.

"EXPLOITING THE CONSUMER."

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

The Miners' Federation executive has passed a resolution protesting against the shipment of any coal to go outside New Zealand.

It was resolved that in the event of the mineowners attempting to raise the price of coal during the present crisis, the federation will take drastic steps to prevent the consumer being exploited.

POWLETT RIVER MINE.

INCREASING OUTPUT.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Bullock teams are now carting over 50 tons per day from the State coal mine to Inverloch for shipment to Melbourne. It is estimated that the mine will be producing 400 tons per day in four weeks from now.

TRANSPORT.

DISLOCATED SERVICES.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

METHODS CRITICISED.

Mr. GRAHAME, when the Railway Estimates were under discussion in the Assembly last night, said that it looked as if the Chief Commissioner was making the most out of the strike to turn the public, by inconveniencing it, against the strikers.

Mr. KELLY: He is trying to turn the people against them.

Mr. M'NEILL: He is trying to be a Czar.

Mr. GRAHAME: The Commissioner was making the public suffer unnecessarily. He was not going to say who was responsible, but some influence was working which did not appear on the surface. (Labour cheers.)

Mr. CHARLTON stated that when the trouble commenced in Newcastle it was assumed that the railways had two months' supply of coal. The Commissioners took every precaution to augment the supply by buying up all the coal they could. The strike had been in progress four weeks, and the Commissioners still had their supplies intact. Yet they were making things as acute as possible all over New South Wales for the travelling public. They had now two months' supply of coal, at least, and if they had not the fact was no credit to them as administrators. Three or four days after the trouble the Commissioners were found paying to the vend, which was the cause of all the trouble, £2 per ton for large coal and 30s for screened coal. They had put about £16,000 into the pockets of the vend, yet would not give the co-operative miners a reasonable market price. The Government and the Commissioners were bringing pressure to bear to prevent the production of coal. He would like the Minister to say how much coal had been bought from other sources since the co-operative collieries had started, and the prices paid; also the amount of coal purchased from the co-operative collieries and the prices paid. If the Commissioners were going to fix the price of coal they would pay the co-operative collieries they should apply the same principle in buying elsewhere. If they were going to dictate to the co-operative colliery people and not give a reasonable price they would get no coal at all. Who was trying to make the people suffer—the men willing to supply the coal or the Government which refused to take it except at its own price?

The CHAIRMAN called Mr. Charlton to order for irrelevancy.

Mr. PETERS: Ah, ha! Touched him on the raw. (Labour cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN. Order! I warn the hon. member that if he does not cease making such impertinent references to the chair I will take drastic action.

Mr. CHARLTON said that if restrictions were not placed upon the working of the co-operative collieries others would follow, and coal would again become plentiful and cheap.

Mr. PARKES thought that the shortening of the railway services was a grave wrong to the public. Instead of such paltry action, the Government should have taken at the outset the strong stand it was taking now. (Hear, hear.) If it had, in all probability there would have been no strike. As a result of the shortened services he had seen ungallant young men drag girls off the crowded railway carriage platforms and usurp their places. He had seen hundreds of lives endangered, and if disastrous consequences ensued from the present overcrowding he would not care to be in the Minister's shoes responsible for such a shortsighted policy. If it was done to bring about the illfeeling of the public it was the pettiest thing conceivable in substitution of the responsible action that should have been taken. Such a miserable and weak subterfuge would be unworthy of any Government. Mr. Charlton had taken up a wrong attitude in blaming the Commissioners for buying up coal where they could. Instead of passively acquiescing in the acts of the strikers, Mr. Charlton should have done his duty by actively advising the men to go back to work. (Ministerial cheers.) It was the fault of the members of the Labour party themselves, who shirked their duty of talking to the men, and advising them to resume work on the understanding that had been proposed. (Ministerial cheers.) It ill became the hon. member to criticise the Railway Commissioners as he had under the circumstances. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. HOLLIS could place no other construction on the Commissioners' action in suspending the carriage of wool for five days, and in shortening the services generally, than that it was taken to irritate the public and incense it against the strikers. He knew for an absolute fact that there was more coal in hand to-day than there was a week ago. The supply coming into Eveleigh was greater than the consumption. Why then was the public being inconvenienced? He was assured on good authority that there were 18 days' supply at least at Eveleigh. And he had seen at Murrurundi the previous day 42,000 tons, equal to two months' supply, for the Northern line. He was reliably informed that there were large stacks of coal in every other locomotive depot throughout the country. He hoped the Treasurer would have a return made at once showing how much coal was stacked at each locomotive depot, and the rate of consumption based on last week's experience. If the Minister produced such a return it would be shown that there was no necessity for the shortened services now in vogue.

The TREASURER said that the miners, although the law had provided a tribunal to fairly deal with their disputes, refused to accept it. As a result of the men refusing to work the output of coal had been stopped all over the country, and famine prices had been brought about for any available supplies. The men had taken advantage of this state of affairs, which they themselves had brought about, to try to get enormously high prices for the coal from the two union mines. Could the Government, under the circumstances, have taken any other action than to commandeer all the coal coming from those mines at reasonable prices? The Government took full responsibility for that action. Supposing the coal-owners, for some reason, had closed all the mines, and then, in order to bring about famine prices, opened one or two of them, producing about one hundredth part of the quantity required by the community. The Government, under such conditions, would be bound to take action. Complaint had been made about the shortened railway and tramway services. Could any other action have been taken? They had only a few weeks' supply of coal in hand. There was practically a coal famine, and soon there might be great difficulty in running any trains at all. Could the Government have taken any other action than reduce the number of trains in order to keep limited services going as long as possible? The accusation that the Government and the Chief Commissioner were making political capital out of the situation by accentuating the inconveniences of the strike could not be regarded seriously by sensible men for a moment. The Government had taken such action as reasonable men were bound to take under the circumstances.

Mr. DAVID STOREY said no time should be lost in restoring the train and tram service to the ordinary time-table. If the Commissioners had not sufficient coal to enable this to be done, the Government should at once see that the supply was made good. Parliament should not be allowed to go into recess until this had been done. As to the strike generally, he wished to say that no matter what happened, the Government, if it desired to retain the respect of the people, must rule.

Mr. SCOBIE said he was glad to find that the Government had taken upon itself the responsibility for the issue of the ukase about the non-haulage of coal. It was a monstrous thing to do. The right of the Government to seize coal at a price which did not represent anything like its market value had yet to be tested at the bar of public opinion. He intended to do his part in asking the electors to express their opinion at the ballot box.

Mr. FITZPATRICK said he had no doubt whatever that the Railway Commissioners, in reducing the train and tram services, were only doing what the exigencies of present-day conditions required.

RAILWAY COAL SUPPLIES.

In the Legislative Assembly last evening Mr. HOLLIS asked: Is the Minister for Railways aware that the stack of coal at Eveleigh has increased during the last week, and that large stacks of coal have been placed in almost every locomotive depot? If on inquiry he finds such to be the case, will he instruct the Commissioner to give more convenient services to the public?

The TREASURER: I am not aware that there is any particular increase in the amount of coal on hand. I know that the Commissioner is doing all he can to get coal to keep the railways running as long as possible.

GOULBURN, Tuesday.

It is understood the Railway Commissioners are taking all the coal produced at the Exeter mine; also that they have purchased a large quantity of slack which was there.

THE BONG BONG MINE.

COAL FOR THE HEWING.

RYLSTONE, Tuesday.

In connection with the curtailment of the rail service on this line surprise is expressed that the Bong Bong coal mine, which is at present idle, is not utilised by the Railway Department. All appliances for the immediate working of the mine, to which there is a railway siding, are available. During the great maritime strike many special trains loaded coal at this mine for the railway service. The mine is situated in Cox Bros.' Rawden property, and has not been worked for years.

THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

MILTIADES TO SAIL ON SATURDAY.

The big Aberdeen passenger steamer Miltiades, which, according to her time-table, should have been despatched from Sydney on Saturday last for London, via Capetown, will probably be in readiness to sail next Saturday.

She called in at Newcastle on her way from Brisbane, and arrived at Sydney yesterday. It is understood that sufficient coal has been obtained for her homeward voyage.

ROSEDALE TO MAKE ANOTHER TRIP.

BELLINGEN, Tuesday.

It has now been decided to send the Rosedale on another trip to the Bellinger before laying her up. It is probable, however, that she may not be able to cross out here before Thursday owing to the shallowness of the bar. Exceptionally heavy cargoes are coming to the river.

COAL FOR GERMAN MAIL LINER.

FREMANTLE, Tuesday.

While berthed at Fremantle this morning the R.M.S. Morea received two Marconi messages from the G.M.S. Konigin Luise stating that she would reach Fremantle at 3 p.m., and ordering an additional supply of coal and stores.

SYDNEY FERRIES SECURE COAL.

NO FURTHER CURTAILMENT NECESSARY.

The Sydney Ferries, Ltd., has succeeded in securing about 300 tons of large coal from the southern mines, and this will relieve the position somewhat. The coal in question was hewn and brought to Sydney by one of the southern colliers before the strike started, and has been lying in Sydney Harbour in the lighter Lumberman's Lassie for the past month. The work of discharging the cargo into the yards of the company at Blue's Point was completed yesterday afternoon, but the price paid for the shipment has not been revealed.

A special meeting of the board of directors was at once summoned to discuss the possibility of amending the time table, and the meeting was held in the boardroom yesterday afternoon. Owing to the fact that additional coal supplies have been obtained it was resolved to cancel the notification of a probable further curtailment in the services from Monday next.

The board also decided to slightly improve the amended time table now in force, and this morning a steamer will be despatched from Mosman at 6.30 a.m., and the vehicular ferry steamer will leave Milson's Point an hour earlier—at 4 a.m. The passenger service on the Milson's Point line on Sundays will be half-hourly from 8 a.m., instead of a 45 minutes' service, which it was originally intended to introduce on Sunday.

Otherwise the existing time tables on all the lines will be adhered to.

THE VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

COAL TO BE IMPORTED.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Though no definite announcement has been made on the subject, it is understood that the Railway Commissioners, after consulting with the members of the State Ministry, are negotiating for the importation of coal from abroad in case the Newcastle strike should continue for many weeks longer. The Commissioners, it is stated, are confident that they can secure supplies from England at a satisfactory price if they are needed.

EFFECTS OF THE STRIKE.

CITY ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

SAFE TILL JANUARY 20.

Yesterday the Lord Mayor said that certain curtailments are being made in street lighting which will enable the electric light to be carried on till January 20, instead of January 10, as hitherto announced. The curtailment is that instead of the lamps being switched on at 6 in the evening, they will not be turned on till 7, and will be switched off again at 3.30 instead of 4.30 a.m.

SYDNEY INDUSTRIES.

One of the directors of the Australian Woollen Mills, Ltd., states that they had but one week's supply of coal on hand. It was the intention of the company to continue operations so long as coal was available, being prepared to pay almost any price for it rather than close down.

C. Anderson and Co., Ltd., felt hat and clothing manufacturers, have a supply of coal on hand sufficient to carry on work until Christmas. Then it is the intention of the company to close down for two weeks and give the machinery an overhaul. If the strike is not ended after that it will be necessary for the company to close down absolutely.

The Sydney and Suburban Hydraulic Power Company, Ltd., which supplies the motive power for a great many lifts in city business premises, has on hand a supply of coal that will enable it to carry on for the next two months. With regard to their engineering works it was stated that the works being dependent for motive power on gas a continuance will depend solely on how long gas will be available.

FODDER TO BE DEARER.

Produce merchants are viewing the situation with anxiety. During the past few weeks large consignments of chaff have arrived, and prices have remained very steady. But since the Railway Commissioners have curtailed the running of trains produce is blocked from coming to the markets. Ganmain and Coolamon are the two centres from which most of the chaff arrives. Already the large daily supplies from these towns are falling off. To-day it is anticipated that chaff will be dearer. Lucerne hay was plentiful yesterday, and notwithstanding the heavy supplies on hand, buyers were over eager to buy, and prices consequently rose. Potatoes showed an advance in price.

The general practice of the auctioneers selling produce at the Redfern station auction saleyards is to deliver the goods purchased to stores within the city boundaries. But now they have added to the agreement before offering the truck, "We will not guarantee to deliver any goods." They expect that the strike will affect the carters, and so are taking no risks.

This action has made the retail produce merchants still more eager to fill their stores, and they explain that if such an action is taken much inconvenience and expense will be experienced, and the general consumers of produce will have to pay exorbitant prices for their fodder.

CRICKET AFFECTED.

SUSPENSION OF RAILWAY CONCESSIONS.

The N.S.W. Cricket Association finds that one of the effects of the strike is an expenditure of between £60 and £70 more than usual in sending teams away to Adelaide and Brisbane. It has hitherto been the custom to allow a concession to cricket and other teams travelling by rail, but the clauses relating thereto have been suspended, so that the association will have to pay full fares.

STEAMER TRIP CANCELLED.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

It has been found necessary owing to the strike to cancel the intended trip of the steamer Sydney to North-west Tasmanian ports, Eden, and Sydney.

The Hobart, of the same line, however, is to leave on Thursday for Sydney, via Eden.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The Railway Commissioners attended a meeting of the State Cabinet yesterday, and discussed matters relative to the coal supply. The Premier announced subsequently that the Commissioners had been able to reassure the Ministry to a considerable extent regarding the immediate outlook, as it seemed that the position, so far as the railways were concerned, was not so serious as Ministers had feared.

POTTERY PRICES INCREASE.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The Hoffman Patent Steam Brick Company has informed merchants that "in consequence of the coal strike and heavy increase in the price of fuel it has been found necessary to slightly raise the selling price of certain lines of manufacture."

IN THE COUNTRY.

BELLINGEN, Tuesday.

The consequences of the strike are becoming more serious here. The present trip of the Rosedale is said to be the last of any of the North Coast S.N. Company's steamers to this river until after the trouble is settled. Blacksmiths and others using coal are becoming short of supplies, depending largely upon charcoal to help them through, while the river droghers have been using wood to conserve their limited coal supply. Some of the storekeepers are getting goods up from Sydney per sailing vessels.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

The train service on all the lines has been reduced, but on one line the service will be a mere skeleton. The inconvenience to the public will be serious. A number of Government tramway employees will also be forced to take their annual holidays from to-morrow. The combination of the coal strike and water famine is having a serious result on Broken Hill trade.

CASINO, Tuesday.

The coal strike is affecting trade here. The early Grafton-Lismore train is discontinued, and the council's quarry closed down, owing to the scarcity of trains to lift the metal. About 20 men have been discharged. The building trade is affected owing to the non-arrival of bricks. If the strike is continued, business people will be seriously affected.

COOMA, Tuesday.

Further inconvenience arising out of the strike is now being felt here by the withdrawal of the mixed trains from Goulburn to Queanbeyan. Cooma will not only receive mails only three days per week, but the timetable has been altered so that the train will arrive an hour and a quarter later than usual. A large quantity of wool is held up in Cooma and on the stations awaiting the Commissioners' decision to accept wool again.

GULGONG, Tuesday.

Great inconvenience and confusion in business is being caused by the stoppage of the mails. It is said that there will be only one more mail to Gulgong this week.

MUDGEE, Tuesday.

Though no train has arrived here since Friday morning, the number of people travelling by the train which arrived this morning was fully 50 per cent. below the usual number. It has been decided to install a motor car service between Wallerawang and Mudgee. The local postmaster has been instructed to arrange for the putting on of a car on the days the train does not run.

PAMBULA, Tuesday.

Mails now reach here every second day, and much inconvenience is being caused in consequence.

PUBLIC IN PROTEST.

Mr. G. Myers, Hopetoun-street, Fern Hill, writes:—"I think the railway authorities ought to be asked for an explanation why they caused such disgraceful scenes to occur as occurred on Sydney station last Saturday. The usual trains on the Belmore line on Saturdays between 12 and 2 are simply packed, yet on Saturday last they cut out the train leaving at 12.20. This one always consists of nine or ten carriages, yet knowing this they sold about a thousand tickets to Canterbury for the racing public. These have always to be catered for by special trains, and if they could not supply trains for these people they ought not to have sold the tickets. The scrambling on the station as each train came in was a disgrace to any civilized country. Local residents on the line had no chance whatever. They had to wait for a couple of hours."

I.W.W. MEETING.

MOCK SERIOUS GATHERING.

WILD FULMINATIONS.

"COMRADE" MRS. LYNCH'S ADVICE.

Some impatience was manifested at the public meeting held at the Protestant Hall last night, under the auspices of the Industrial Workers of the World, because the people who were to occupy the platform were slow to take their places. The speakers were chiefly of the extremist class, and their addresses were largely rehashes of deliverances in the Domain and elsewhere.

The speeches made up for what they lacked in reason by vehemence and the variety of charges levelled at Mr. Wade, Mr. Lee, the mineowners, Mr. Hughes, and particularly Mr. Holman and Mr. Brown, a mineowner. They were punctuated by interjections, laughter, and applause. The chairman was Mr. T. Walsh, and he opened the ball with a speech which shook the seats. He attacked the strike congress first, and claimed a right to take his share in the fight. The trouble was that they found other workers blacklegging against those who were fighting against capital. The strike was the only weapon left to-day to the industrial workers. In advocating a general strike they were told they were up against the law, but a law that had no respect for the people could not be respected. What the Newcastle miners were asking was paltry compared with what they should have asked. The grievances of the miners had been boiled down to six by the press, but they could be boiled down to one, and that was that there was a robber class in existence. Referring to the action of the waterside workers, he asked what they were waiting for.

A voice: For traitor Hughes to give the word of command.

The speaker said he did not want to raise an issue like that, but "Billy" Hughes was certainly a stumbling-block to progress. By marking time, as "Billy" Hughes said, they were playing into the hands of the 15 per cent. of the community who owned the sources of wealth.

"Comrade" Holland was the next speaker. He moved a motion of protest against the action of the Wade Government. He castigated the mine-owners, the Railway Commissioners, and the Strike Congress, characterised the Government as a brutal and criminal one, styled Mr. Lee a stodgy gentleman, and called Parliament a doddering thing. Mr. Holman was, he said, not fit to clean the boots of Messrs. Bowling and Burns. A voice assured him that he was quite right. He hoped that the working class would down tools and never pick them up again till they got justice.

"Comrade" Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion, and showed herself a ready and witty speaker. She said she was on the fighting side, and wanted to know what side the audience was on—was it merely the cheering side? Like the chairman, she made slighting reference to Mr. Wade's illness, and said that before he rang the curfew bell she wished to remark that the bream and mullet were biting down the harbour. It was very convenient, she unkindly suggested, to have a clinical thermometer to vary with the political barometer. The man on strike would do without his tobacco or his beer, but if there was one thing that would make a man blackleg it was a nagging, cranky woman. The outburst of applause was chiefly from the men present.

It was the railway men, however, who came in for her particular condemnation. They were the worst of all, because they carried the police, with 24 rounds of ammunition each, which were intended to shoot down the miners. This suggested a new train of thought, and brought up the subject of Mr. Catts and the Amalgamated Society of Railway and Tramway workers. Mr. Catts and his union were called a variety of names. The lady concluded by saying that the Government with all its laws and wages boards and courts could not make the miners hew a single pound of coal, or the coal-lumpers carry it. She said she was one with the coal-lumpers, and knew what she was talking about.

The chairman then put the motion, which was carried practically unanimously. One man rose against it, but he was pulled down from behind by a woman. Cheers were given for the miners and Messrs. Bowling, Brennan, and Holland. Three hearty groans were also given for Mr. Wade. The meeting accorded a hearty welcome to Messrs. Burns, McWilliam, Hutton, and Stenhouse.

A telegram from Port Pirie was read by the chairman. It expressed sympathy with Messrs. Bowling, Burns, and Brennan, and considered the Wade Government's action unconstitutional and criminal, and showed class bias in the interests of mineowners. It further considered that such an outrage and flouting of justice should be met by a general downing of tools, and a complete paralysis of all profit-making operations. The resolution was to be wired to the Strike Congress, and it was further wired that great indignation prevailed in Port Pirie.

Mr. McWilliam was the first of the Newcastle speakers. He was an Irishman and possessed the national gift of ready speech. He declared that the mantle of Peter Bowling had been conferred upon him, and he had endeavoured to keep order in Newcastle. The Government in his opinion was a flat-footed one. He did not spare the Government in any respect, and was ready to face the revolvers of the police if necessary. It did not matter how many spies were in the meeting. He expected there were plenty of them there. He had been arrested——

A voice: But you broke the law.

This was an unfortunate remark for the interjector, as he was escorted into outer darkness.

The speaker became more eloquent as he went on. He quoted from one of the poets, and sat down amidst a storm of applause.

Mr. Brennan, Mr. Hutton, and Mr. Stenhouse followed. The last speaker described himself as a red-hot socialist, and attacked everybody. The audience began to file out as he showed signs of continuing till midnight.

THE LABOUR PARTY.

VOTE OF CENSURE DROPPED.

POLICE TACTICS TO BE CONDEMNED.

The Parliamentary Labour party held a meeting yesterday afternoon to consider strike matters. Some members were of the opinion that another motion of censure should be tabled against the Government, not because of the arrests so much as because of the manner in which they were carried out. The motion would have been moved when the House met but for the knowledge that the tactics of the police could be discussed in the consideration of the Estimates of the Chief Secretary's Department.

The party views with disfavour the procedure adopted by the Government. It had represented to Mr. Wade that the Government should open mines in the south and the west, and thus force the position of the northern vend, notwithstanding its property rights. The Premier was also waited upon in respect to this matter yesterday afternoon by Mr. Hughes. Mr. Wade's description of this interview was "nothing of any consequence." The Government wants the owners to open the mines.

UNION ASSISTANCE.

SHOP ASSISTANTS.

The committee of the Shop Assistants' Union has given £5 5s towards the strike fund, and a levy is to be struck.

AUSTRALASIAN ENGINEERS.

At a special meeting of the Australasian Society of Engineers (N.S.W. branch) in the Trades Hall last night, £50 was voted to the assistance of the wives and families of miners on strike, and a levy of 5s a member a fortnight was struck. It was further decided to communicate with all the branches of the society in Australasia, asking for sympathy and co-operation.

SIGN-PAINTERS VOTE £5.

A meeting of the Sign-painters' Union was held in the Trades Hall last night, and it was decided to vote £5 to the assistance of the wives and children of the strikers.

BUILDERS' LABOURERS' COLLECTION.

The Builders' Labourers' Union had a collection in aid of the strike fund, and up to last night £3 had been handed in.

HOW CABMEN WILL ASSIST.

At a meeting of the Cabmen's Union last night, regret was expressed that the rules prevented direct financial assistance being given to the strikers, and it was decided to try to raise funds by other means. Among the means suggested were collections at the various ranks.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

In the Legislative Assembly last evening, Mr. HOLLIS asked the Chief Secretary if, in view of the fact that a large number of workmen in the Newtown and St. Peters districts are out of employment owing to the closing down of the brickyard, many of them having large families, will he issue food orders, or give relief?

The CHIEF SECRETARY: I will have inquiries made to see what distress is prevailing, and if I think the cases are deserving they will be dealt with by the officers of the department. But I must say that this thing hinges on the coal strike, and it might be a fair thing to levy on the socialists who provoked it. (Hear, hear.)

Dr. ARTHUR: In view of the fact that the gas and supplies of artificial light are in danger, would the Minister be prepared to pass a Daylight Saving Bill this session?

The ACTING PREMIER: If the effect of the passage of a Daylight Saving Bill would be to give 24 hours of daylight the Government would initiate one at once. But I don't see how it could possibly meet the difficulty.

THE COOMBER MINE.

RYLSTONE, Tuesday.

The owners of the Coomber coal mine have been informed that the Engineer for Railways will arrive to-morrow for the purpose of fixing a suitable position for a siding to the mine. At present the coal is being carted by teams a distance of five miles to the Rylstone railway station. The supply is limited owing to the inability of the owner to secure sufficient teams. The output is about 100 tons a week. Six teams are now employed. Owners are earning good money. One with six horses makes about £10 a week clear. Cartage rates have now reached 7s 6d. The Railway Commissioners take two-thirds of the coal mined. This is sent each evening to the Bathurst railway depot.

"STRIKE LESSONS."

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

A men's meeting, promoted by the ministers of the town, was held in the Oddfellows' Hall on Sunday night after church hours in connection with the coal strike. The Rev. D. Gilsenan presided. The Rev. S. Harrison delivered an address on "Strike Lessons," in which he said that if the proprietors would only recognise that they were but stewards of God, and held their wealth in trust for the benefit of the community, it would go a long way towards the solution of the trouble. The miners were seriously wrong in the attitude they took towards the Churches. They said to the Church, "Get us what we want, and we will honour the Church;" but the Church was powerless to do that, and it was, besides, putting the wrong thing first. He mentioned that he had noticed many farmers in the district harvesting their grain on the Lord's Day, and he believed that such men were simply jeopardising the interests of the community, and tempting God to pour out His wrath on the place. He moved,—"That the meeting earnestly appeal to both the owners and the miners to do nothing to hinder the expected results of the special board being appointed by the Government, and that this was urged more especially for the sake of the social, industrial, and religious welfare of the community, and in view of the near approach of the season recognised all over Christendom as the season of peace and goodwill." The motion was seconded by the Rev. W. G. Sharpe, and carried.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

DISCUSSION ON STRIKE BLOCKED.

Immediately upon the close of the speech of the Vice-President of the Executive Council last night on the second reading of the Defamation (Amendment) Bill in the Legislative Council, an adjournment of the debate was asked for, and those behind the scenes were aware that the object was to make reference to the strike. Mr. Hughes, who had apparently not been consulted in the matter, refused to consent, and as Sir Normand MacLaurin, who was to have been one of the speakers, was unable to remain in the House, the discussion was postponed till this afternoon. What particular phase of the dispute was to be ventilated did not appear.

IN A MINING TOWNSHIP.

II.

One day is very much like another with us now. Even the great pay Friday presents no outward manifestations of its greatness as an institution. Last pay Friday had some little stir about it. The owners had announced that they would not be a party to the suffering which this strike would bring about, and therefore would depart from all precedent and go one better than the law, which left the men so far behind in righteousness. The pay for the last week of work would be handed over to the men at the bank or office, as if there were no strike in progress. And the men lined up at the counter and took their one day's or three days' pay, and could not say "Thank you," for their tongues were stuck in their cheeks. When they got out those tongues were loosened again. "Twig the idea, lads?" "Clever, ain't it?" "Say, you chaps, the masters must all have got converted when them American blokes was here, and we never knew it. Sort of turn the other cheek, eh?" "The bloomin' public will never take our side now." And half a dozen followed the man who had three days' "pillar work" to take and half a dozen little children at home to keep, and as they lined up before the bar to "pick their fancy" the shouter said, oracularly: "Tell you what it is, lads, the strike's over. We've left the employ of the capitalists now. We've been paid off, every one of us."

It is difficult for one not dwelling in a coal-mining community to quite gauge the feeling between masters and men. Strikes are common enough in other industries, but, generally speaking, a dispute once settled is settled, and there is no more about it. But the instinct of distrust and class hatred in a coal-mining community is hereditary. The only acknowledged effective weapon is the strike. The men freely admit that the weapon often cuts the hand which uses it. "We have always gone back after a strike worse than we came out, but we have never had a strike like this. We are going to win this time." A miner 50 years of age complains bitterly. "We have nothing but the strike after all their legislation. When I was a boy and first went into the pit there was no way of getting our rights but a strike. And now that I have grown-up sons on the coal it is the same. We can only strike." One is led to remark, "There is a way which you northern miners refuse which other bodies of workers have found effective. Why do you not try the Industrial Court?" A withering look precedes a torrent of invective. "Try the capitalistic legislation? Never." "Well, your own members had a good deal to do in shaping it, and most of them counsel you to try it. Have you read the Act?" "No; I'm not going to bother reading it. Good day."

Five thousand people in our town are directly dependent upon coal-getting, and the other two thousand must side with the miners or say nothing. The officials, most of whom have risen by industry and force of character from the lowliest positions in the mine, must be loyal to the management. The training of "a shiftman" has made him capable of turning his hand to anything. A colliery "carpenter" has no "can't" in his vocabulary. He must work in water or out of it, lay a line of pipes, or build a brick wall in an emergency, and rather than wait for the blacksmith make as neat a weld as though he had served his time to the trade. And from the ranks of these "shiftmen"—i.e., handy labourers, who have also worked on the surface—or mechanics "the shift" bosses are selected, and promotions to "top manager" and "underground manager" follow. As yet we have not gone as far as some of the towns in newer fields. Our "officials" are not subjects of "moral suasion," of the "brass band," or even tin-kettle variety.

And these men now meet their fellows outside the church on Sunday morning or afternoon and shake hands with mutual kindly inquiries and on Monday morning choose all the back streets on their way to their work of caring for the owners' property in unaccustomed fashion at the mine. One feels sorry for these old warriors. It is not fair to call them time-servers. They have eaten of their masters' salt, and they will be loyal. Recollections of old times, when they were prominent men upon the other side, come back to them, and many of them, if it were a mere matter of choice, would cheerfully face the empty larder and fight for "freedom and justice" once again in the ranks of the strikers. And there would be no unkind remarks passed by their fellow-miners if by any untoward accident they should lose their present positions and obtain a place in a "bord" again when the mine is at work once more.

The loyalty of the women to unionism and its laws is a matter of striking interest to a stranger. Without doubt a ballot amongst the miners' wives, as indeed a ballot amongst the miners themselves, if taken before the strike had been declared, would have prevented a cessation of work. And equally, without doubt, a ballot taken at the present juncture on the question of returning to work, would not be affected to any extent by the extension of the franchise to women. That Which Must be Obeyed has spoken, and there is to be no disloyal questioning of its behest. A clergyman came to the open door of an old-age pensioner's kitchen the other day. The old woman was deaf, and he heard a voice raised in prayer. He paused reverently, and stood in the doorway listening, and presently, his presence still undetected, knelt at the other end of the deal table and lifted up his spirit with the prayer being offered. The old lady had a gift in prayer, and the minister felt edified as one interest of Church and people after another were brought before God. Presently the strike was reached. That old pensioner had over 80 years of memory of coalfields under many skies. There was no possibility of doubt in her mind as to which side held the right. And while she could pray for the men and their suffering wives and children, and ask for guidance that she might help the needy out of her own small pittance, she could pray with vigorous insistence that God would "touch the hearts of the masters, and lead them to do justice to the men."

The old-age pensioners are quite an institution in our town. There is no haunting sense of "charity" about a State or Commonwealth pension. Government money never has any stain upon it, whether it provides "a bridge agin' a man's own door," or keeps the shelves full behind his cupboard door. An old woman who found that her storekeeper had ceased selling except for cash remonstrated vigorously. "I'm not a miner. I'm a Government woman." There is a small reserve with sundry seats under shady trees in the centre of our town. It is the gathering ground of the wise old men—the senate-house of the community. There the old-age pensioners gather on fine days to give and receive and manufacture news. They form a vivid commentary on the health conditions of coal-mine labour. One would never see such ruddy complexions over such patriarchal beards in a gold or silver mining community. There these men gather and discuss the situation. Every move of "Peter" and his confederate is subjected to close criticism, and free comment, adverse or otherwise, is backed up by personal reminiscences. Opinions differ, and recollections sometimes collide without sustaining much damage, but no one has any suggestion for settling the strike without at the same time settling the proprietors and, incidentally, the Government.

It must not be imagined that the august majesty of unionism is as sensitive in its figure-heads as that of Germany. Men talk reason, if they have a mind to, provided they are miners. That Which Must be Obeyed does not protect the lawgivers. Four miners are sitting in a tramcar. The discussion upon the one topic has proceeded upon the usual lines. Presently one says, emphatically, "I wish they'd lock Bowling up, anyhow." "And Billy Brennan, too," adds his mate. One must admit that these are comparatively inexperienced miners. They haven't been "brought up to the game." An older man beside them responds, "Well, there'll be nothing settled till they do, I believe." And no one protests.

In the engineering shops, where men are more independent than in the retail storekeeping establishments, opinion is almost equally divided, and though That Which Must be Obeyed is respected to the extent that the strike levy would be paid uncomplainingly, and the men would down tools the moment the law reached them, yet the right to express individual opinion as to the conduct, and even the ethics of the strike, is unquestioned.

At the moment of writing the peaceable conduct of the strike is a matter of frequent comment. A striker's wife remarked to-day, "I never see such a strike as this. Why, at other times if you was seen speakin' to one of the masters 'they' would get on to you rough about it. But now you can bid the boss the time o' day and nobody interferes with you. Why, the masters don't mind the boys going to the heap with a billy-cart for a bit of coal at all; and I've seen the time when they'd eat you. But," as an afterthought, "we've got to be careful, though, for one never knows what they'll do." And this expresses the general feeling of experienced men. "There has never been such a quiet strike."

LOADING COAL IN JAPAN.

With the arrival of the P. and O. steamer Palermo with 6000 tons of Japanese coal on board, it will be of interest to many who have not had the opportunity of visiting this wonderful country to learn something of the methods they employ to load a vessel with coal in an almost incredibly short space of time (writes a correspondent). The Palermo would be loaded and trimmed ready for sea in under 48 hours with ease, if the agents required it. I have seen a steamer capable of carrying four thousand tons of coal come to an anchorage in Moji (principal coaling port of Japan) at daylight and leave the following day at noon down to her Plimsol marks. It is more or less commonly known that they hold the world's record for loading coal. In the harbour of Moji, situated on the western extremity of the inland sea, vessels, large and small, fast and slow, from the humble little colliers on the regular trade between Japan and the ports of China to the magnificent mailboats of all denominations, may be observed at any time replenishing bunkers or loading a full cargo. The surrounding country is all coal, and they have not to dig any distance to get it. Huge quantities actually cover the surface of certain parts round Moji. One never hears of colliery explosions in Japan, and a strike! well, they would laugh at you. Wages! Yes, the mothers and fathers receive about 1s 6d for 12 hours' work, the children (and more than half the labour is done by the little children) receive about half this sum. How do they work? They pass small baskets capable of carrying from eight to ten pounds of coal from the lighters up the side of the vessel, with such rapidity that an almost endless stream is formed pouring into the vessel's hold. Trimming the coal to a level may seem very difficult under these conditions; not so to these people. The coal is not touched until the huge pyramid reaches clear of the hold. Then a gang gets round it, hack at the base, and without a stop in the loading level it down and trim it. The system they employ is indeed wonderful. Everyone has their own particular part to do. The fact of a mother having two children (infants) strapped on her back is no impediment whatever. Crying babies are unknown in Japan. At the tender age of three and four they are employed in passing the empty little coal-baskets back to the lighters for refilling. How many would it take to load a vesel like the Palermo? If wanted for quick despatch, about 400. Almost before the vesel is moored large boats full of men, women, and children are pouring over the side, and half an hour later the coal is being loaded at every hatch. A strike would be quite impossible in Japan, for many reasons. First, the working people are perfectly contented, loyal, and patriotic. Second, if they were not, the proprietors know that the Government would not permit a cessation of work in the coalfields for a minute, and any trouble would at once be met by an amicable agreement on both sides.

HOW BOSTON WASTED $1,000,000.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—At the present juncture, when there is under consideration the running of coal mines by Government, the record of an experiment of the city of Boston, U.S., may not be without interest. It is told in full in the "American City," by Walter B. Snow. For a dozen years Boston has been running its own stone-crushing plants by day labour. Satisfied at last that the work was being done at an extravagant cost, a commission of engineers was asked to examine into the work and report. They reported that it ought to have cost, and could be done by contractors. City employees declared this to be untrue, and asked that an experimental plant should be put into their hands, in order that they should demonstrate that it could be done by day labour as cheaply as any other way. Accordingly, the most economical plant belonging to the city was selected. The best men in the department were chosen to run it on a three-months' test. The result was the crushing of 9000 tons at a cost of 9000 dollars; while under the same conditions contractors crushed double the quantity per day at half the cost per ton. The test, it must be remembered, was done under the best conditions by selected men, and the perpetuation of the day labour system depended upon the success of the experiment, and yet the failure. The City of Boston was shown to have lost 1,000,000 dollars in 12 years upon this scheme.

I am, etc.,
CITIZEN.

Dec. 7.

THE WAY OUT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The coal crisis which menaces the welfare of the whole of Australia to-day cannot be settled by getting out plans and specifications for an industrial millennium on the one hand, nor by the solemn foolishness of a train-load of policemen travelling one hundred miles in company with a man who they were directed to arrest in the name of the Law.

These vagaries have their place in comic opera, and doubtless contribute to the gaiety of nations, but this is a serious question.

The point at issue is—that a whole community are being deprived of coal. The miners say: "Give us an open conference to discuss our grievances, and we will mine coal." The mineowners say: "If you mine coal we will grant a conference." These two positions are surely not irreconcilable. If two sane and cool-headed men could be found to represent the contending parties the crisis would be over.

I, therefore, suggest that the president of the Employers' Federation, on the one hand; and Mr. W. M. Hughes, on the other should be vested with full authority by the contending parties to end the deadlock by mutual agreement.

I am, etc.,
FRANK COTTON.

NON-UNION PRODUCTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your outspoken and judicious leaders on the strike question are highly appreciated in the country districts, by the law-abiding portion of the community.

I think it is high time that every man was prepared to speak out against the socialistic tyranny so unwarrantably levelled against the public, and take a hand in suppressing it. The public can do a lot without calling on the Government. All unions are supporting this socialistic combine, and it is time the leaders were shown that the unions cannot exist without the public support. Note the "union label" and "union badge." Let us take a leaf out of the socialists' book, and return the boycott on the unions, by only buying and using non-union products.

It has never yet been shown that union products are superior to those produced by non-union labour, but we all know that the unions have made everything much dearer, and the cost is increasing every day. The more unions that are brought into being only swells the army of presidents, secretaries, inspectors, delegates, and agitators of every degree, who have to be well kept at the public expense, and as we have seen, use their best endeavours to injure us.

A demand for non-union products would soon bring the union leaders to their senses. The public demand will quickly produce the supply. I believe the public will be better served, and it will be the best means of getting rid of the genus agitator preying upon society. I am, etc.,
ROBT. YOUNG.

Yass, Dec. 6.

A REMEDY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Perhaps you could allow a voice from Melbourne to make a suggestion relative to the present strife.

I understand that any dispute between employer or employed must by law be referred to the Arbitration Court for settlement, and that a lock-out or strike is illegal, and that penalties can be exercised against either breaking the law.

These penalties, it is admitted, can be put on the employers, but with the exception of leaders they are inoperative against employees, whilst if the leaders are singled out for punishment they immediately pose as heroes, and in the end a large sum of money is raised as a testimonial to their supposed martyrdom.

A way out of the difficulty appears to me to be thus:—Let an Act of Parliament be made declaring that all engaging in strikes become liable to the deprivation of their Parliamentary votes for a term of years, the machinery for determining which would, of course, be contained in the bill. The effect of such a law would effectually quench any desire for strikes, as the leaders at whose instance most strikes occur could not declare a strike when the result would be to disenfranchise perhaps some thousands of those on whom they would have to lean for support, thus jeopardising many Labour seats.

I am, etc.,
W. H. D.

Flinders-lane, Melbourne.

UNION AND NON-UNION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I believe Magna Charta declares: "We will sell to no man, we will deny to no man justice or right," and this I take to be a basic principle of all good government. Surely in virtue of this every man is, or ought to be at liberty to join a union or not as he himself shall determine, and to work or not to work as may please him, and as opportunity offers. If he joins any union, and so incurs any obligation he must of course forfeit his individual liberty to that extent. That unionists should be allowed to insult, intimidate, and bodily injure non-unionists who wish to work, and to enjoy their reasonable, and may I not say constitutional and God-given liberty is simply unlawful, monstrous, and tyrannical. It is the duty of the Government to protect the lives and properties of its subjects, and when it allows unionists to call peaceable free labourers ill names, and to hustle and assault them, it fails in one of its primary functions. Let the good sense of this community demand that the law shall allow true freedom to every man, and mete out stern justice to the offender. The present strike is an exhibition of lawlessness and galling tyranny which is our danger and disgrace.

I am, etc,
BATHURSTIAN.

OPEN THE MINES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Of course, "Disinterested's" suggestion is right. The miners and all the other men left their employment at a moment's notice, thereby breaking their agreement when they ought to have given 14 days' notice of their wishing to cease work.

The owners should therefore call for fresh or any hands to do the work, and the Government must see that the peace is kept.

In any case, I don't see how with any justice they can expect the owners to meet the men in conference unless they get some guarantee that any fresh agreement will be kept. Let Bowling and Co. plank down £1000, and let the owners do the same, in order that if the agreement is broken by either side there will be a penalty to fall back upon.

I am, etc.,
ANOTHER DISINTERESTED ONE.

MR. TREFLE AT ARMIDALE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Under the above heading a short wire appears in this morning's "Herald," which if allowed to pass unnoticed will mislead readers in respect to the meeting held at Armidale on Saturday night. The inference to be drawn from the wire is that the meeting was hostile to the proposal of the Labour party in favour of nationalising the coal mines. Your correspondent could not have been present, or he would have seen for himself that the meeting was most orderly and sympathetic throughout, and I was further informed by several residents that with one exception it was the largest open-air meeting held in Armidale for many years. The only interruptions at the meeting were from a solitary individual, who indulged in a few meaningless interjections, and as a result drew upon himself the indignation of the meeting. He would have got himself into trouble had I not requested the audience to take no notice of him, as he did not inconvenience me in the slightest degree.

I am, etc.,
J. L. TREFLE.

Parliament House, Dec. 7.

PUSILLANIMITY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—One of the most striking things in connection with this industrial upheaval, apart from the "conciliation" madness of the Government, is the silence of our politicians and public men generally. Caution of speech appears to have degenerated into utter cowardice.

You have suggested that Government contracts be made for the purchase of foreign coal, and I desire to add my urgency, for what it is worth, that that course be adopted at once, and for very large quantities. The Government has voiced its obvious needs that it wants coal, and also that "it must have coal," but apparently it has not made the faintest reasonable effort to get it. In New South Wales the coal-mining industry has certainly come to a temporary cessation, so that the only thing to do is to purchase foreign coal. This would be a more direct course than to arrest strike leaders and appoint wages boards, with the intention of indirectly inducing the owners and miners to restart the industry. After all, this is a mere vindication of the law, and is not certain to obtain coal. When last the Premier spoke in Parliament he said that sooner or later the public would rise in its majesty and hurt somebody, and it certainly seems to me likely that if the Government fails to do all it can to get coal it will rise in its majesty and hurt the Government. There are other bodies besides the Government who might reasonably be expected to do everything possible to obtain coal; for instance, the gas and ferry companies, who in normal times make exceedingly large profits out of the public. The least that they might be expected to do would be to show a willingness to take a little of the bad as a spice to the great quantity of good that they obtain.

It is unreasonable to suppose that the public will not be prepared to help those who show that they are prepared to help themselves. The mine-owners' firm stand turned the public's first sentimental regard for the miners away from them; now the public has ceased to make the owners and miners their consideration, and it looks to the Government to do all it can to get them out of its extremely inconvenient and threatening trouble as soon as possible.

Whatever may be the merits of the northern strike, the miners of the south and west do not hold the sympathy of the people; and I suggest that if the owners on the South Coast and in the mountains were to determinately decide not to allow their miners to go back until the northern men had gone back, which would be paying them in their own coin, they would materially help in shortening the whole trouble.

It appears to be thought by politicians and public men that a show of fight by capitalists will precipitate a general strike, but even if that happened would it not most certainly end in the complete defeat of I.W.W. principles, which are the cause of all this trouble?

I am, etc.,
W. J. MILES.

Dec. 7.

"WHERE IS THE MONEY?"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Mr. Conroy some days ago, and now Mr. J. Bell, ask this question through your columns. They are, of course, quite entitled to do so; but surely, before rushing into print, they might take the trouble to obtain correct figures as a basis. For instance: Mr. Conroy estimates 160,000 unionists, and assumes that the unions have had that large membership for some 18 years. On this he argues that there should be £2,000,000 in hand with which to buy coal mines, etc. But the union membership is officially stated at 113,918, and only six years ago it was but 73,361. Just to quote these figures is to dispose of Mr. Conroy's insinuations as "the baseless fabric of a dream."

Then Mr. Bell rushes into "the imminent deadly breach." He quotes the number of unionists correctly—and then evolves an "average contribution of at least 6d per week from each unionist," from his own sublime inner consciousness. The average income per unionist is, as officially shown by figures laid before Parliament less than three months ago, 18s 4d per annum. This apparently includes all income, not merely ordinary subscriptions. Thus Mr. Bell's 6d per week sinks to about 4d. And his estimate of union income at "£146,900 per annum" is shown by the Parliamentary returns to be actually a mere trifle of only £41,897 odd. The unions are officially shown to have an income of £105,003. Again, "the A.W.U. boast of 39,000 members," says Mr. Bell. Does it? The official returns "boast of" 22,742 members, only 16,658 less. A bagatelle to Mr. Bell.

As to his individual quarrel with the officials of a particular union—this, of course, is a matter which may, or may not, be as Mr. Bell, himself interested, sees it. Certainly the union which would sell-up a working-man's home for fees is a scabby affair. But neither Mr. Conroy nor Mr. Bell, though one sympathises with the latter if he has been treated as he says, have the right to invent statistics for the purpose of insinuating wholesale malversations of union funds. The case against sectional or craft or trade unionism, and in favour of integral industrial unionism, is strong enough without descending to such methods, which indeed are so easily exposed that they only strengthen those against whom they are aimed. Any sensible man must agree with Mr. Bell that the present craft union system, with "the different trades under separate and often antagonistic management," is "costly and unwise," but the remedy is, not as Messrs. Conroy and Bell appear to suppose, to endeavour to stampede unionism in the heat of a great industrial struggle, which calls for class solidarity, nor to put forward fantastical figures in order to mislead, but to join hands with those who are striving to reorganise the workers on scientific lines.

I am, etc.,
H. J. HAWKINS.

Dec. 7.

LATE SHIPPING.

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RICH LIVING.

Medicine Man: "What is the matter with your Majesty?"

Cannibal King: Oh! I've an awful indigestion!"

"What have you been eating?"

"I have just polished off an American millionaire."

"Good heavens! No wonder you are ill. I've told you repeatedly to beware of anything rich."

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PERSONAL.

Mr. Fisher, the leader of the Federal Opposition, will be in Sydney next week, and has arranged to address meetings under the auspices of the P.L.L. in support of the selected Labour candidates. He will open the Federal campaign at Bulli on December 14, and will speak in St. George's schoolroom, Darlinghurst, on December 15, and in the School of Arts at Kogarah on December 16.

Mr. Knibbs, Commonwealth Statistician, is returning to Melbourne by the R.M.S. Morea from a trip to Great Britain and Europe. He attended the International Insurance Congress at Vienna last June, and the International Statistical Congress at Paris a month later. In the capacity of a Royal Commissioner of Education he travelled in nearly every country in Europe studying educational systems, from the kindergarten to the university. He also inquired into the methods of his Majesty's Customs, and the Registrar-General's Department, paying special attention to the subject of tabulating machinery for rapidly getting out census results.

Dr. Howard Bullock, the Rhodes scholar for 1909, is leaving Sydney for Oxford on Saturday by the Miltiades. On the voyage he will act as ship's surgeon. Dr. Bullock has had a distinguished career, both as a scholar and as an athlete. He was born in 1886, and for the six years preceding his University career was a scholar at the Sydney Church of England Grammar School, North Sydney. He won both the mathematical and classical prizes in every form every year he was at the school. In addition he was the champion junior athlete of his year, representing his school in cricket, football, and rowing. He was a prefect, and, before he left, the dux of the school. His career at the University was also a remarkable one. In five years he graduated with honours in medicine. At the conclusion of his course he accepted the position of junior resident doctor at Prince Alfred Hospital, where he has remained until the present time. As an athlete he was very successful. He was a member of the University first-grade football team, and played with the Sydney University team in New Zealand. He has represented the State against Queensland and England, and was invited to become a member of the "Wallabies," though he could not accept. He has played for University first and second grade cricket teams, and represented Sydney University against the Melbourne University in the high jump. In addition to all these athletic attainments Dr. Bullock is a good runner and an amateur boxer of no mean order. Dr. Bullock goes to New College, Oxford, where it is his intention to further pursue his medical studies.

Miss Lucy Atkins left Hobart yesterday, and will proceed to England with Mme. Melba for the purpose of training her voice. Mme. Melba undertook to pay half Miss Atkins' training for three years if Tasmania raised the other half, the total being £600. With concerts and other functions the money was raised. Another Hobart girl, Miss Vera Hempseed, is being taken to Europe for training by Mme. Melba, her parents providing the expenses.

Mr. David Storey, M.L.A., was entertained at dinner at Parliament House last evening, and congratulated upon his restoration to health. Complimentary reference was made to him as a citizen and merchant, and to the services rendered by him to the Liberal and Reform party.

In the Federal Senate yesterday sympathetic reference was made to the death of Mr. Hutchison. A motion of condolence was carried at the instance of the Vice-president of the Executive Council, Senator Millen, seconded by Senator McGregor, and will be sent on by the president to the widow and family of the deceased gentleman. At 1.30 p.m. the sitting was suspended in order to afford members an opportunity of paying their last respects to the late member for Hindmarsh.

At yesterday's meeting of the Executive Council the following appointments were made:—Dr. Dixon, as Government medical officer at Bulli; Mr. W. Urquhart, as officer in charge, State Reformatory for Women, at Long Bay; Mr. A. Beix, as Clerk of Petty Sessions and Chamber Magistrate, Central Police Office, during the absence of Mr. W. G. B. Smith; Mr. G. A. Penefather, as district surveyor in the land districts of Kempsey, Bellinger, and Port Macquarie; and Mr. W. S. Thom, as second-class assistant engineer, Department of Public Works.

The remains of the late Sir Henry Bundey were buried at North-road Cemetery, Adelaide, yesterday afternoon.

THE LATE MR. HUTCHISON.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

All those members of the House of Representatives and the Senate who were in Melbourne assembled in the Queen's Hall at Federal Parliament House to attend a funeral service held by the Rev. George Tait on the death of Mr. James Hutchison, M.P. Both Houses had adjourned from 1 o'clock until the usual evening hour of sitting as a mark of respect to his memory. The cortege left Dr. Fred Bird's hospital in Spring-street shortly after 3 o'clock, and the hearse and mourning coaches drew up on the terrace of Parliament House while the service proceeded. The service lasted about 20 minutes. Members and senators then took their seats in the 15 carriages which were in waiting, and the funeral proceeded down Bourke-street to the Spencer-street railway station. The pallbearers were the Prime Minister (Mr. Deakin), the Speaker (Dr. Carty Salmon), the Chairman of Committees (Mr. M'Donald), the Minister for Customs (Sir Robert Best), and the leader of the opposition (Mr. Fisher), and Senator Pearce. The interment will take place in Adelaide to-morrow.

THE FEDERAL CABINET.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

At a meeting of the Federal Cabinet consideration was given to the question of appointing a High Commissioner in terms of the bill which has been passed by Parliament. The Cabinet had a number of names before it, but finality was not reached. The opinion in the lobbies is, as it has been for some time, that the appointment is likely to be offered to Sir George Reid.

The personnel of the proposed Sugar Commission was also considered.

STRAIN ON FEDERAL MEMBERS.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

In the Assembly to-day, the Premier, speaking with regard to the death of Mr. Hutchison, said: "I am afraid we do not always appreciate the heavy sacrifices which members who go to the Federal Parliament have to make to represent the State there. A very heavy strain is made on their healths, constitutions, time, and talents, and we ought to recognise their services better than some of us do."

CASUALTIES.

FELL THROUGH RAILWAY BRIDGE.

WEST MAITLAND, Tuesday.

Frank Anderson, residing at East Greta Junction, in company with three companions, was walking across an unfinished bridge on the North Coast railway line at Telarah, when he missed his footing, and fell to the cutting below, a distance of 30ft. He escaped with severe bruises and shock.

DROWNED IN THE DARLING.

BOURKE, Tuesday.

Alfred Wheatley, a well-known carrier, was drowned in the River Darling between Nulty and Tooraie stations.

BURNING ACCIDENTS.

DEATH OF A WOMAN.

Mrs. Martha Lewis, of Elswick-street, Leichhardt, who was taken to Prince Alfred Hospital suffering from burns, died on Monday night.

SHIPPING.

Shipping news and meteorological reports will be found on page 11.

His Honour Judge Emden, at the Lambeth (England) County Court, observed that the way people speak now was shocking. "In spite of education," he said, "people speak worse than ever. They don't seem to teach people to speak—everything but that. They teach them to play the piano, and all sorts of things. Day after day, all day long, I am asking people to make themselves heard; and not only that, but to speak so that they can be understood. Really, they might be speaking in foreign languages."

STATE PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The President took the chair at 4.30 p.m.

AT OF GOVERNMENT SURRENDER BILL.

This bill was recommitted for further consideration of schedules 1 and 2. The Vice-President of the Executive Council explained that three small errors had crept into the schedules, which it was necessary to amend in order to bring them into conformity with the Commonwealth Act.

The requisite amendments were made, and the bill was read the third time.

RAILWAYS CROSSINGS BILL.

On the motion of the Vice-President of the Executive Council this bill was read the second time.

It was then passed through committee without amendment.

AMENDMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT.

A message was received from the Assembly forwarding for consideration a resolution amending schedule 1 of the Industrial Disputes Act. It was agreed to consider the resolution on the following day.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 9.10 p.m. adjourned till the following day.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Speaker took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

THE ESTIMATES.

RAILWAYS—£4,027,540.

The estimates of the Railway Department were considered in committee of supply. A sum of £4,027,540 was asked for, as compared with £3,668,426 voted last year. A further amount of £198,439 was expended in [illegible].

Mr. DACEY complained that the Chief Commissioner gave far too much of his time to serving on wages boards to the neglect of duties proper to his office. He also asked that consideration be shown painters in the employ of the department who were suffering from lead poisoning.

Mr. GRIFFITH said he wished to know what authority the Chief Commissioner had for "commandeering" coal produced by the "miners' mines" at Newcastle. If the Commissioner acted on his own responsibility the act was distinctly illegal; if the Government by executive minute authorised what the Commissioner had done he admitted the legality of the act, but submitted that fair market value should be paid.

Mr. JOHN MILLER said there was pressing need for the duplication of the Western line as far as Orange. Increased rates of pay should be granted to various employees, and [illegible] per day should be fixed as the minimum.

Mr. R. JONES complained that at Gulgong railway station the station staff was so short-handed that large consignors had to place their goods in the trucks or else run the risk of the goods remaining at the station for a week or more. Consignors were thus called upon to perform a service for which they paid the Commissioners. He further complained of delay in the handling of butter by the department. Dairy companies went to considerable expense in fitting up refrigerating plants, but there was so much delay in the carriage of butter from the Western factory to the city that it suffered considerably in quality, and was placed on the market half-melted. A fortnight ago his son received at Mudgee an invoice covering two consignments, only one of which had come to hand. The department was requested by letter to separate the invoices, but had not even acknowledged the letter.

Mr. GRAHAME adversely criticised the refusal of the Railway Department to pay fair market value for coal now being won from the New Main and Young Wallsend collieries, and asked if it were true that the department was paying up to £2 a ton for coal that had been hewed by one or other of the vend collieries. He also blamed the Commissioners for lack of judgment in connection with the erection of the M'Myler hoist. The Dyke should be extended 10ft at once, as recommended by the Commissioner himself. The hoist had been idle for four or five months, and the opportunity should have been taken to make the necessary extension. The fitters' award was not being carried out in the Newcastle workshops; and an untruthful answer had been supplied to the Minister when a question was asked on the subject. He hoped the Minister would look into the matter.

Mr. PARKES complained that the Minister did not take a sufficiently active part in the administration of the railways.

Mr. HOLLIS held that the death by scalding of a youth in the Murrurundi tunnel recently was preventable. The Minister had repeatedly refused to listen to advice which, if carried out, would have prevented the accident.

The TREASURER said that he would bring under the notice of the Chief Commissioner the various points raised in connection with the railway service. He was sorry that Mr. Hollis never had a word of commendation for the management of the railways.

Mr. HOLLIS: There is nothing good about it.

The TREASURER: If no mistakes were ever to occur in such a huge undertaking, the Commissioner and his 25,000 employees would need to be infallible. It could not be in any railway system in the world. In regard to tunnel accidents, none had terminated fatally in [illegible] years except the one mentioned by Mr. Hollis. And in respect of that particular tunnel the accident mentioned had been the only one in 35 years. Under the circumstances the Government could hardly be blamed.

Mr. SCOBIE urged the claims of pastoralists and farmers in the Riverina to more consideration at the hands of the Railway Department than they had received in the past.

The House was still sitting at an early hour this morning.

FLAGSHIP SAILS.

ALMOST THE LAST OF HER LINE.

Yesterday morning H.M.S. Powerful slipped the hawser that tied her to the buoy. During the same few seconds, the Admiral's flag was creeping down the foremast, and a brand new paying-off pennant crawling up the mainmast. The flagship will go straight to Fremantle to meet a collier with 4000 tons of coal. The Powerful will lie there nine days coaling and cleaning. Then she will go on to transfer her crew to the Terrible at Colombo.

After H.M.S. Powerful has returned once more with a crew from the Navy, there will be no more such home-goings from Australia. The great flagship which will take her place will be one whose crew, in the end, at any rate, will not be—what these ships really are—small floating English communities, wandering fractions of the wonderful people of those small islands, living from mailday to mailday as the English do in every one of the continents. The crew of the Australian flagship after this one—within a few commissions, if not after the very next commission—will be Australian.

Probably every effort will be made by means of common training and discipline to bring the new navy as near as possible to the old—that is to say, a machine that will work its way as near as possible independent of weather or of season, or of any other mortal consideration whatever. As one watched the teams of men running aft with the falls from the davits and whisking the dripping ship's boats up from the water into their beds amongst the upper works, tugging a small gig into the hollow of the ship through the opening of the gangway; as one saw at 11.15 precisely, the Admiral's barge leave the side, and the cable drop clear of the buoy, leaving only a wire rope to hold the ship, and the flag come down at the stern, and run up at the peak as the sign of the ship's freedom; as the Government tug came alongside and took the great hawser and began to haul the ship's stern round so that she could push off for England on the stroke of 11.30; and as finally 11.30 struck and the wire slipped from the buoy, and the ship moved slowly down the harbour with the band playing, first "The Girl I Left Behind Me," and then "Auld Lang Syne," and "Home, Sweet Home," until she vanished in a smoke of her own making—one could not help thinking that the new navy will have something to live up to.

It is never nice saying good-bye to a warship. The staff of a regiment, or even in a merchant ship will be in them for 20 years. The men in a college or school change only gradually generation by generation. But the least crew that ever worked a warship when their two years in her are over will never come together again. It is never good saying good-bye to a warship; but particularly it was not good in this case, for she is almost the last of her line.

There is no vessel on the four seas which can parallel the Carnegie, which recently put into Falmouth, and which, with the financial backing of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, is about to voyage the deep-water areas of the globe and make a systematic magnetic survey of its ocean area. She has been designed by Mr. H. J. Gielow, the famous designer of American racing yachts, and wherever metal was necessary, bronze, copper, or gunmetal has been employed, the fastenings consisting of locust tree-nails and bronze bolts and spikes. By these means she has been rendered absolutely non-magnetic, and as a result of her cruise, which will occupy several years, an accumulation of exact data concerning the puzzling variation of the mariner's compass is expected by which reliable magnetic charts may be drawn up, and a big step taken towards the riddle of terrestrial magnetism.

ANGLICAN SYNOD.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

THE KING'S SCHOOL PETITION.

At the Chapter House, St. Andrew's Cathedral, yesterday afternoon, the fifteenth synod of the diocese of Sydney was continued, members being again in full attendance. Dr. Wright, Archbishop of Sydney, again presided.

Mr. J. G. Hinsby asked, "Is there a committee or board, consisting of representatives from various religious denominations, appointed to test the question of rating under the Local Government Act now in force regarding lands used for ministers' residences and church school purposes?"

The president stated that the matter was not yet settled. It was still in the hands of the standing committee, and two leading counsel were considering the question.

Mr. W. R. Beaver moved the adoption of the estimate of the amount required for the synod expenses and the maintenance of the registry, together with the existing and probable annual revenue receivable from any source through the registry, and the sums to be annually contributed for the purposes aforesaid by each of the parishes and mission and conventional districts in the diocese. He said that the payments should be a matter of conscience to the various parishes.

Mr. L. S. Donaldson, in support, said that one parish had paid once in 23 years, and others were almost as dilatory.

An amendment by the Rev. Howell Price to refer the matter back to the standing committee was withdrawn.

The president said that, though a spiritual body, the secular side of the Church must be run with a secular aspect, and on the best financial lines.

Archdeacon D'Arcy-Irvine said that he hoped that not only the lay members of the synod, but the clericals, should see the importance of paying the assessments. The total amount of arrears was £1281, and 42 parishes were in arrears. Some of the parishes which did not pay expected those which did to carry the whole machinery of the Church. It was not a fair thing. Members should take the matter to brain and heart and remove the reproach, and get away from the present humiliating position.

Mr. J. G. Hinsby said the matter was one of principle and not one of thought, and one of loyalty and disloyalty. Those who did not pay should be disfranchised.

The motion was eventually carried.

Mr. D. Maughan, counsel for the King's School Old Boys' Union, was heard in the matter of the proposed amendment of the constitution of the school. He referred to the work of the Old Boys' Union, which was composed of 400 members, consisting of old boys, old masters, and ex-members of the school council. He questioned whether there was any need for any reform of the school. In its intellectual, religious, athletic, and social sides the school was never better. The number of scholars was higher than ever before. Would those who thought there was need for a reform of the council tell the synod in what respect the school was lacking? The only fault of the council was that the Old Boys' Union was not represented in it. (Laughter.) The school had a constitution and a charter, and he asked that they should not be taken away. The control and regulation of such a school was not the work of the synod, but of the school council. The proposal was not favoured by the Old Boys' Union or the school council. The school council should never be made a sub-committee of the synod. The council could well be strengthened by the addition of five more members ex officio. The old boys should have direct representation on the council.

Mr. W. J. G. Mann at the evening session moved the second reading of the ordinance to provide for making application to Parliament to pass an Act to amend the King's School Council Act, and to provide for the necessary expenses thereof. He replied briefly to the arguments of Mr. Maughan against the ordinance. Dealing with the constitutional principle, he held that the Parliament of the Church of England in this diocese should have control of the constitution of the school. The King's School was in an anomalous position owing to temporary and personal considerations which no longer existed. This anomaly should be removed, and King's School placed on the same footing as the sister schools. The position of the Church of England Grammar School at North Sydney was an answer to the arguments of the old boys' representatives. Life tenure should go. It was a relic of the past. There was no contention that the synod should take charge of the school, and attend to matters of detail. That must be the work of the council. But the school was given to the Church, and not to the Old Boys' Union. (Hear, hear.) There should be no need of their having to go to Parliament periodically.

Canon Sharpe said that the inclusion of clause A was against the expressed resolution of synod. The standing committee was asked to act in conjunction with the King's School council. But at the conference of the two bodies clause A was rejected by a large majority; yet the standing committee had included it in the ordinance.

Mr. Donaldson understood that the ordinance should have been the result of the conference. Evidently it was not.

Canon Boyce favoured the reform, and said he would not lose the whole of the ordinance for the sake of clause A. A measure of reform was the abolition of life tenure.

Dr. Radford said that there was not the ghost of a suggestion why any alteration should be made. The present was nothing less than a technical and disturbing attack on the existing constitution of a school with a past history, present power, and future prospects. King's School had left its mark long before North Sydney was heard of. The reform was revolutionary, and he would oppose it.

The Rev. S. S. Tovey asked, Why the reform? The synod was not in a position to act as schoolmasters.

Archdeacon Gunther said that the standing committee and the council should have acted in concert, and this evidently was not done. He would like to hear of some special reason for the interference. The school was at present under the control of the synod.

Canon Hough said that the principle of the ordinance was agreed to last year.

The President thought the synod would be well advised to vote against the second reading. The passing of clause A would be prejudicial to the true working of a great school. It would be a serious thing if the management were interfered with by an external body.

The motion was eventually lost by 92 votes to 57.

CHURCH PROPERTIES.

Mr. W. R. Beaver moved the second reading of the ordinance to provide for making application to Parliament to pass an Act to extend the provisions of the Church of England Trust Property Incorporation Act, 1881, for the purposes of the Diocese of Sydney; and to provide for the necessary expenses thereof. Such a provision was essential for the efficient and economical working of the church properties. No local right would be affected.

Mr. J. A. I. Perry, in opposition, said that the present system was working well, and there was no need for such a drastic ordinance. Because a particular trust was not a success, all the trusts ought not to be penalised. He moved, as an amendment,—"That the consideration of the ordinance be adjourned, pending the report of the standing committee appointed to deal with the Church Property Acts."

Canon Bellingham said that there were 620 trusts proposed to be brought under the jurisdiction of the synod. Centralisation might, in such a case, mean stagnation. It would be a colossal work to look after such a concern. It would be doing a grievous wrong to the splendid men who were acting as trustees.

The mover accepted the amendment of Mr. Perry, which was carried.

The Synod then adjourned until to-day.

THE SCHOOLS.

On Monday and Wednesday of last week the children of the Drummoyne Superior Public School gave their annual concert in the large Assembly Hall. A stage had been erected, and the hall decorated by the Parents and Citizens' Association. The first part of the programme consisted of miscellaneous items. The second part consisted of an operetta, entitled "The Enchanted Glen." The stage was made to represent a glen by means of trees and greenery, and the characters were well sustained. The takings amounted to nearly £50.

CLAREMONT COLLEGE SPEECH DAY.

The twenty-seventh annual speech day was held at Claremont on December 7 in the presence of Mrs. David Storey, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Talbot, the Misses Wearne, M.A., the new principals, and the members of the Old Girls' Union. Mrs. Storey presented the prizes to the girls, and Dr. Dick the first-aid certificates. Speeches were made by the retiring principal, Miss Fullerton, Mrs. Storey, Miss Pearce, Dr. Dick, and Mr. Talbot. Regrets were expressed at the resignation of Miss Fullerton. The Misses Wearne were introduced, and hearty cheers were given for the principal and staff.

ST. ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with St. Aloysius' College, Milson's Point, was held yesterday at the North Sydney Masonic Hall, which was well packed by an appreciative audience.

The Very Rev. Monsignor O'Brien (rector of St. John's College) presided, and presented the prizes. He congratulated the rector and teaching staff on the successes achieved during the past year.

The prefect of studies read his report, which was of a very satisfactory character. He referred to the work accomplished during the year, and the successes at the University examinations.

A capital programme was carried out, including vocal and instrumental items, the rendering of the cantata "The Fishing Fleet;" part of scene 1, Act 3, of "Julius Caesar," the parts in which were sustained by Masters V. Dempsey (Marcus Antonius), C. Foley (Marcus Brutus), M. Hughes (Cassius), and H. Curtis (a servant); and the comedy in one act entitled "Hates-vous Lentement," the characters being represented by Masters Lamerand, G. Hughes, Trinnell-Pritchard, Davis, Dodson, and Coleman.

FEDERAL PARLIAMENT.

PASSING THE ESTIMATES.

RECORD PROGRESS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The House of Representatives was at work early to-day, a start being made with the Estimates. A few minutes after 11 o'clock last night, when the news of the death of the late Mr. Hutchison brought about the abrupt adjournment of the chamber, the Department of Home Affairs items were under review. This morning the House was in a good working mood, and a few minutes sufficed to dispose of Mr. Fuller's department. The Customs estimates went through without comment.

Defence, £1,004,062, covered 142 pages. The Chairman of Committees (Mr. M'Donald) was as anxious as the Minister to get through and he fairly whirled through page after page. He started off by submitting the various subdivisions for the approval of the House. This grew irksome, and with the consent of members he submitted the items by the page. At first he called "Page 1 or 2" as the case was. Then he got down to simply calling the number without prefixing it with the word page. Needless to say, he covered much ground. The routine was getting monotonous, so Mr. O'Malley (Tas.), who is always ready for a joke, occasionally checked the Chairman's rush by asking the Minister simple questions. He wanted to know what the Royal Australian Artillery was. The Minister in a few words explained the duties of that branch of the service. Notwithstanding these interruptions the defence estimates went through by 12 o'clock, and the House turned its attention to the Post Office. This was what Mr. Thomas (N.S.W.) was waiting for to ventilate his views on the toll telephone system, a subject he never tires of. Notwithstanding the hints he received that the Senate was waiting for the Estimates Mr. Thomas persisted in going on, and when 1 o'clock came he was still trying to show that users of telephones should be charged for each ring.

The House then adjourned till quarter to 3 to allow members to attend the funeral of the late Mr. Hutchison.

When the House reassembled after dinner, Mr. Thomas continued his speech. He was followed by Mr. Sinclair (Q.), who took up a few minutes. Mr. T. Brown (N.S.W.), who is usually worth a couple of hours on any item in the Estimates, made a gallant effort, and contented himself with about a quarter of an hour. A few minutes before the Appropriation Bill was promised to the Senate, Mr. J. Thomson (N.S.W.) took the floor, and rattled a number of complaints, in defiance of the scowls of Ministers. Mr. Thomas made another speech on the toll telephones before he allowed the Estimates to be disposed of. At ten past 9 o'clock, the Appropriation Bill was sent over to the other Chamber.

Introducing the supplementary estimates, Sir John Forrest gave a brief outline of the financial position of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Fisher (Q.), in the course of a long speech, attacked the Government for abandoning the new protection. He came in for a lot of interruption from Ministerialists, who claimed that he was misrepresenting their views on the subject. No new ground was broken by the leader of the Opposition, who strongly advocated the Commonwealth taking over the whole control of industries of Australia. He claimed that the Federal Arbitration Court was the proper tribunal to deal with all industrial troubles that arose.

At a quarter to 12 progress was reported and the House adjourned.

THE SENATE.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock, and as it had no work to go on with Senator De Largie moved the adjournment of the House to discuss the coal strike. The debate was carried on till .35 p.m., when an adjournment was made to allow members to pay their last respects to the late Mr. Hutchison. After dinner the sitting was resumed, but as the Appropriation Bill was not ready a further adjournment till 9 o'clock was agreed upon. When that hour arrived the bill was not to hand, and the Senators went off again to the library and other places frequented by them when they have time to kill. For half an hour they waited, and then they were rewarded by the arrival of the bill.

A CHILD'S DEATH.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The death of the three-days-old child of May Niel, which occurred on November 27, was inquired into by the Coroner to-day. Amy Holland, trained nurse, said that the child was born on November 24 at her home. On the morning of the child's death witness left the mother's room to attend to household duties, and was absent only about 10 minutes, when on returning she discovered that the child was lying near its mother's side dying and black in the face. May Niel said, "Look at the child." The child gave a gurgle as she lifted it up, and witness hurried across to the Alfred Hospital, where Dr. Ellis pronounced it to be dead.

After having been warned by the Coroner May Niel said she did not wish to give evidence.

Dr. Brett stated that death was due to suffocation. The child had an enlarged thymus gland, which was a fruitful cause of suffocation in infants. It was possible for the child to have met its death in this way, but there was nothing to show definitely how the suffocation was caused.

The Coroner said it seemed a very strange thing that a healthy child should die 10 minutes after being left alone with its mother. The evidence was very scanty, and he adjourned the inquiry to enable further investigations to be made.

AN INFANT'S DEATH.

MAN AND WOMAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

WAGGA, Tuesday.

The coroner (Mr. G. Stevenson, P.M.), yesterday concluded the inquest concerning the death of a newly-born infant found in the Murrumbidgee River on November 27. Susan Frewen, domestic, who is under arrest on a charge of concealment of birth, and Geo. Jas. Purkis, who was charged with being an accessory, were present at the inquiry. Medical evidence showed that the child had lived; but advanced decomposition prevented the Government Medical Officer detecting any sign of suffocation on the neck.

Susan Frewen, in evidence, stated that she was alone at the time of the birth, and on recovering from about two hours' unconsciousness, found the child was dead. She kept the body in her room until the following night, when Purkis, who was the father of the child, saw her. He asked her to go with him to the common, where he wanted to destroy the body. She refused. She also refused to consent to him burying the body. He then suggested putting it in the river; and after about 15 minutes' hesitation she consented. He carried the body to the river, where he handed it to her, and she placed it beside the log at the edge of the water. He wanted her to throw it into the water, but she would not. On the way back she mentioned that she would tell her mistress of her trouble; but he would not listen to her doing so. Next night he asked her if anything had been discovered; and asked her not to mention his name. Purkis first spoke of concealment of birth. He first spoke of it two months ago, stating as his reason that he had a Court case coming off against his wife, and he did not want this to come against him in that case.

Purkis declined to give evidence.

The Coroner found that death was due to suffocation, and that Susan Frewen did unlawfully kill and slay it, and that Geo. Jas. Purkis was an accessory after the fact. He committed both for trial at the Wagga Quarter Sessions in February next. Bail was allowed.

DROWNED IN A WATERHOLE.

WOOLGOOLGA, Tuesday.

John Martin was found drowned in a waterhole at Moonee, about six miles south of Woolgoolga, yesterday. It is supposed he fell into the water during the night. An inquiry will be held at Coff's Harbour next Friday.

SURGICAL OPERATION AT SEA.

ON BOARD THE NAIRNSHIRE.

On the arrival at Sydney yesterday of the Federal-Houlder-Shire liner Nairnshire direct from Liverpool it was reported that during the voyage a very successful surgical operation was performed under adverse circumstances, and that the patient was making rapid progress towards recovery.

When in the Indian Ocean, thousands of miles from any port, one of the stokers named Christmas was suddenly stricken down with appendicitis, and was in a very critical condition. Dr. P. L. Foote, of New Zealand, who happened to be a passenger by the steamer, was summoned, and as a result of an examination he declared that an operation was necessary immediately.

There was no other medical practitioner on board to administer chloroform, but Dr. Foote undertook to carry on the operation in order to save the man's life. A cabin was transformed into a temporary operating theatre, and the surgeon was assisted by the second officer, Mr. C. E. O'Byrne, and the stewardess, Miss L. Amess.

As soon as the vessel was berthed yesterday, the patient was transferred to Sydney Hospital.

KITCHENER'S CAMPS.

MOBILISATION AT LIVERPOOL.

UNLESS STRIKE PREVENTS.

Full particulars are at last available with regard to the annual camp of continuous training of the N.S.W. military forces. The usual plan of holding the annual camp at Easter has been altered, and the troops will be encamped from January 5 to 12, 1910. This has been done in order to afford Field Marshal Lord Kitchener an opportunity of being present with the forces during his visit to Australia. By coming so closely into contact with Australian soldiers Lord Kitchener will be better qualified to act as adviser to the Defence Department, at the conclusion of his Australian tour. The only matter which may cause a curtailment or postponement of the camps is the present coal strike. Although no official statement has been made, officers freely state that unless transport services are assured the camps cannot be held, or at least only a partial representation of our soldiery will be possible.

One other factor may militate against the success of the camps, and that is the unwillingness of certain employers to grant leave to their employees to participate. This unpatriotic and short-sighted policy has always been a matter to be taken into consideration. But at present it is particularly desirable that the best possible showing should be made.

The camp will again be held at Liverpool, for the greater portion of the troops, though a few units will go under canvas at Middle Head, South Head, Chowder Bay, and Newcastle. The new battleground outside Liverpool will be utilised for the manoeuvres, and there the whole army, infantry, cavalry, artillery, and departmental troops, will be exercised under the personal supervision of Lord Kitchener.

The G.O.C., Brigadier-General Gordon, C.B., will be in command of the whole of the troops. The staff will consist of:—Lt.-Col. Bartlett, A.A.G., Major Wallace Brown, D.A.A.G., and officer-in-charge of training; Lt.-Col. H. Le Mesurier, D.A.Q.M.G.; Lt.-Col. G. L. Lee, D.S.O., Provost Marshal; Capt. S. E. Christian, Staff Officer Artillery; Major A. Spain, Staff Officer Engineers; Major J. T. Wilson, Intelligence Officer; Capt. J. P. L. M'Call, Signalling Officer; Col. R. E. Roth, D.S.O., Principal Medical Officer; Major A. P. Gribben, Principal Veterinary Officer; Lt. G. T. Wallack, R.A.A., A.D.C. to G.O.C.

The camp commandant will be Capt. Geo. Smith. Attached to the staff will also be the Senior Chaplain, Col. Rev. H. J. Rose, V.D., Col. Mackay, C.B., and Major G. Lane Mullins, S.O.M.S.

The 1st Light Horse Brigade will mobilise at Liverpool, under command of Col. J. M. Onslow. Major J. S. Brunton will be brigade-major, and Captain Holman, D.S.O., attached. The brigade will be composed of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Regiments Australian Light Horse, No. 2 battery A.F.A., No. 1 Field Troop Corps of A.E., half No. 2 Company Signallers, No. 1 L.H. T. and S. Column, No. 1 L.H. Field Ambulance.

The 2nd Light Horse Brigade will be under the command of Col. Vernon, V.D., with Major Everett as Brigade Major; and Captain Brand attached. It will consist of the 4th, 5th, and 6th Regiments A.L.H., No. 4 Battery A.F.A., and Signallers, T. and S. Column, and Ambulance.

The 1st Infantry Brigade will have Col. C. M. Ranclaud, V.D., as Brigadier, Major M'Glynn, as Brigade Major, and Capt. F. B. Heritage and Lt. W. J. Smith attached. The brigade will be constituted as follows:—Brigade of Field Artillery under Lt.-Col. Wells, V.D., No. 6 Squadron 1st A.L.H., 1st Field Company Engineers, 1st Battalions, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Aust. Infantry Regiments, Signallers, T. and S. Column, and Ambulance.

The garrison troops, with two squadrons of A.L.H. will be in command of Lt.-Col. Cooke, with Major Flashman as staff officer. The district orders make no mention of the volunteers camping at Liverpool.

At Middle Head will be several companies of artillery and engineers, under Major A. T. Hall. Lt.-Col. Wallace, R.A.A., will be staff officer for artillery.

Special instructions have been issued with regard to reports, camp equipment, horses, transport, rations, ammunition, etc.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The grievances of our purely volunteers are so colossal as to make one wonder how they have the heart to continue to serve "free gratis and for nothing" a country that places little or no value on their services. The latest rebuff is that all corps in this State designated as volunteers are on the occasion of Field Marshal Lord Kitchener's visit to encamp only from the Saturday afternoon to the Sunday afternoon, whilst the militiamen are to spend nine days under canvas with full pay. Why this invidious distinction? Does not the purely volunteer soldier serve under exactly the same regulations and undergoes a like training both in the matter of musketry and field training? The sole distinction between the two forces being that one serves voluntarily for the honour and glory of defending their country, like Garibaldi's famous red-shirted volunteers, whilst the other is out to inconvenience themselves as little as possible with the minimum monetary loss to themselves. Yet we find that the authorities in the face of this invariably slight the volunteer whilst the best attention, equipment, colours, and not to say an absurdly extravagant pay, is meted out to the much-lauded militiamen. Surely something must be rotten in the State of Denmark when such a state of affairs is permitted to exist. Australia's crying need is for a proper system of land defence, yet with such a splendid body of men as the Scottish Rifles, University Scouts, and that famous sharp-shooting battalion, the Australian Rifles, we find that the authorities tell them in unmistakable language that they are not wanted. As an ex-Imperial soldier of no little experience, I think this subject is a matter that should at once engage the attention of the members of the Federal Parliament, and thus enable justice to be done our gallant volunteers, who give time and money in the defence of their thoughtless and thankless country. I am, etc.,

Dec. 7. CHARLES W. WHITFORD.

EMPLOYEES' PICNIC.

The employees of the A.U.S.N. Company, Ltd., held their first annual picnic at Athol Gardens on Saturday. About 350 guests sat down to dinner. Mr. J. M. Lee was in the chair. Captain H. Tyrer proposed "The A.U.S.N. Company, Ltd.," to which Mr. A. Forsyth responded. Captain O. Smith proposed "The Day We Celebrate," and Mr. E. C. Clarke "The Visitors," to which Mr. E. Playfair responded. A programme of sports was carried out.

MR. BOARD AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—From to-day's issue of the "Herald" I learn that a body calling itself the Teachers' Guild of New South Wales has passed certain resolutions, supposed to be a condemnation of Mr. Board's proposals for improving and reorganising secondary education in this State. From the same source I also learn that these meetings were "very representative of the secondary schools and of the University."

Nothing that this body—in no sense representative of secondary education, although recently called the Teachers' Association of New South Wales—could affirm, would surprise me. Yet it seems only fair to Mr. Board, and to others who have been working for the cause of higher education in our midst, that the report from which I have quoted receive prompt and complete contradiction.

These meetings were in no degree representative of the University. I have made inquiry and learn that only one member of our teaching staff was present, and his part in the deliberations, I should imagine, would be a small one. In the press and elsewhere we have had opportunities of stating how sincerely we hope that the State will soon take its proper share in the secondary education of its people; and while we recognise limitations and a certain weakness in some of Mr. Board's proposals, we have cordially welcomed the policy which he has put forward of creating a secondary education branch within the Department of Public Instruction.

Now I feel prepared to assert—without fear of contradiction—that these meetings were in no sense representative of the secondary schools; even of the secondary schools of Sydney. I speak as no stranger to some of these gatherings in the past, for until I was convinced of the slight hold this association had upon these schools, I have not unfrequently attended their meetings, and done my best through them to assist the cause of secondary education in our midst.

My letter is therefore prompted, less by the actual resolutions (with one or two of which one might even agree) than by the suggestion that we have here a condemnation of Mr. Board's policy for the schools, in which secondary schools and University unite; and a criticism from a body competent to criticise. The University has taken no share in this particular discussion. I doubt whether many secondary schools and teachers have done so either. The whole matter is a fresh argument in favour of the institution of an advisory council for secondary education.

I am, etc., H. S. CARSLAW.

Dec. 7.

[The information contained in the "Herald" report was supplied officially. The Rev. C. J. Prescott, M.A., under whose presidency the meetings were held, stated yesterday:—"It is true that the University was represented, although not largely represented, at the meetings; and it is correct, as stated in the 'Herald' that the meetings were representative of the secondary schools. It is positively ridiculous to deny that fact." The secretary of the Teachers' Guild stated on Tuesday that a striking thing about the meetings was their representative character.—Ed. S.M.H.]

LABOUR LAST YEAR.

MR. SCHEY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

SCARCITY OF FARM HANDS.

TRAINING OF BOYS SUGGESTED.

The annual report of the Director of Labour, Mr. W. F. Schey, for the year ended June 30, was laid upon the table of the Legislative Assembly last night. It stated that the general aim all through had been to render aid promptly, and where possible locally; not to attract men to the city, but to separate them about the country wherever there had been a chance of employment. Many so assisted had become trusted employees, while others had taken up land and become independent settlers. The year all through was described as being "fair" from the industrial standpoint. The Broken Hill disturbance had had its effect in many directions, the city slackness lasting until the end of April, when matters improved somewhat, and remained at much the same level until the end of the year. Industrial disturbances were fewer than in the previous year.

Detailed information was given respecting the farms that had been established in connection with the bureau, and mention was made that another labour farm (with the view of dealing with whole families, instead of with men only) would probably be established near Mudgee in the near future. A feature in the management of the labour farms was that no officers, except the management in each case, were generally found necessary.

Referring to the industrial barometer Mr. Schey mentioned that during the year 1750 men (all of whom had registered themselves, were out of work and needing employment) were written to offering them chances of work of a character suitable to them as far as possible. Of this number 944, well over half, made no response whatever. It seemed to him almost incredible, but such was solid fact. He gave full details of the class of men registered, and then went on to say that the supply of farm labour was inadequate. Advices from various parts of the country told of the scarcity of farm and station labour. Competent willing men were in many places not to be got, though the wages were good and work plentiful. Yet at the same time there were many men about the Sydney streets who complained that they were hard up and could not find any work to do. A most serious phase was the large portion of unqualified men who were seeking employment on farms. A first-class agricultural labourer, who could drive horses and keep them in good condition, having at the same time a practical knowledge of agricultural machinery and implements and how to use them, was a treasure to the settler. Such men were rarely idle.

He mentioned that the most hopeful means of securing competent labour was to set about the training of boys on farms. A scheme to do this on a large scale could be made very nearly self-supporting, and if, side by side with it, selected daughters of the poorer citizens of Sydney could be trained for these farm duties, a large number of competent labourers and domestic servants could be turned out, greatly to their own benefit, as well as to that of the community as a whole.

During the year there were 5000 individuals—men, women, and children—who had partaken of the benefits provided by the Government. Over 1200 of these had experienced the hospitality of the labour farm, where they had settled for periods extending up to four and five months.

THE TELEPHONE ACCOUNTS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The Postmaster-General, Sir John Quick, has received a report from the committee appointed to inquire into the telephone accounts. The statement, which deals only with accounts of the Victorian system, sets out, the committee has ascertained, the capital cost of metropolitan network and country exchanges. The report goes on:—"The result of our examination is that the telephone system in the metropolitan area alone has, under the Commonwealth, returned a net profit of over £100,000. This profit has been made chiefly in the years 1901-7. The results for 1907-8 and 1908-9 respectively were a small profit of about £4000 and a loss of about £7000. The decrease in 1907-8 and the loss in 1908-9 are entirely due to the introduction of the measured rate system. These figures are subject to a slight alteration consequent upon the exact allocation of certain head office charges not having yet been made, but the effect of this alteration will be inappreciable. We shall be able to supply you with complete figures in support of this statement, based upon an analysis of the revenue for the last year. In the meantime we may remark that the work at the exchanges of recording the calls registered by the attendants costs in the aggregate more than the revenue derived from the measured rate. As the metropolitan network is the principal factor in the telephone system, we have confined our remarks for the present to that portion only. While our task has occupied more time than was at first anticipated, we certainly could not have committed ourselves to any definite statement such as we are now able to make at an earlier date. We trust to make this quite clear to your mind in the official report, the preparation of which will now engage our attention."

COLLINS' CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

This well-known firm is well to the front with Christmas specialities, a number of which reach us from the Sydney house. The outstanding features of their publications are cheapness and value; and in these respects they have few successful rivals. Among the wide range of books suitable for prizes and gifts are the volumes of the "Challenger" Library, reprints of classic fiction, of which Elizabeth Wetherall's "Melbourne House" is a good example, and may be recommended as a gift for girls. A feature is the brilliant colour illustration work of E. Lance, and the series is tastefully bound. Charles Dickens' "Christmas Books" are issued in a well-bound and freely illustrated edition, octavo size, at a shilling, and it is doubtful if a better volume could be chosen if regard is had to intrinsic worth. No boy could be better suited than by Fenimore Cooper's "Last of the Mohicans," also a wonderful shilling book, with really fine colour illustrations by J. Schonberg. Another excellent line is the "Graphic" Story Books, with eight coloured and numerous black and white illustrations. An example is "Graphic Stories of Animals." The treatment is suitable for young children, the matter very carefully selected, and the pictures are first-rate, many of them being clever animal photographs, while others have dramatic interest. Suggestive and inspiring for the ambitious boy is the "Noble Lives" series, in which Robert Hudson's "Two Princes of Science" is included, the princes being Edison and Marconi. As a sample of another series, "The Imperial," comes the everlastingly popular "Wide, Wide World," made fresh and beautiful with illustrations by Sydney Cowell, who has well caught the spirit of the period, while the colour work is of the highest order. To the "Girls' Library" is added a bright and pleasant story by L. T. Meade, "Andrew Harvey's Wife," with brilliant end-papers and a full supply of colour-plates—an eminently suitable book for rather older girls.

This firm also make a specialty of picture books for very young children. This year a fine assortment is offered, and they should not be overlooked by the anxious parent whose most juvenile offspring demand to be right up to date. First in the list stands Louis Wain's "Claws and Paws." This is a large-sized picture book with humorous stories and pictures from kitten and puppy land. The artist has the true instinct for this sort of work, and his pictures have been reproduced in glowing hues and with wonderful finish and clearness—altogether a publication sure to be wonderfully popular with the little ones. On "untearable" paper is another charming colour book, "In Fur and Feather." There are faithful animal pictures drawn with spirit and animation, with a running verse comment. "My Favourites" is one of the most delicately printed of the series, the topics being household pets. For remarkably good colour work perhaps "Farm Friends" must take the palm, the tinting being really exquisite, and suggesting rather the edition de luxe than a cheap child's book. "Pets and Playmates," another "untearable," is not far behind. "For Playtime," is a neat volume of little stories that is sure to be welcome. When the child is just passed the picture stage, and has learned to read a little a good choice may be made from the story miscellanies issued under the titles of "Feathers and Fur" (animal stories), "By Field and Flood" (stories of adventure), and "Sunny Smiles." All these give "a lot for a little," and are as bright and attractive as skill and pains can make them. A publication that ought to be very popular also is a version of "Gulliver's Travels," told suitably for children, by Florence Dugdale, and fully illustrated in colour and black and white. Andrew Long's "Tales of a Fairy Court," illustrated by Dixon, is a beautifully finished book, a feature being the decorative borders. When the children have been satisfied, such a dainty little booklet as "Legends and Lyrics," in green leather, or the prettily got up Shakespeare or Longfellow birthday book, may be chosen for an older friend. Altogether these publishers have catered nobly for the coming Christmas season.

M. de Jonckheere, director of the Ham Observatory, has discovered a new continent on the planet Mars. The new land is in the Aeonian Sea, between 100deg. of longitude and 45deg. of latitude in astronomical reckoning. It has been named Thaumas.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 7.

Warrimoo, s, 3320 tons, Captain Clift, from Wellington (N.Z.). Passengers—Misses Hall, Meynink, Franklyn (3), Gregg, O'Shea, Paterson, Hill, Sheppard, and Morgan, Mesdames Cochrane, Allison, Hamilton, and son, Gleeson, Leslie, Meynink, Franklyn, Fenton, Emerson and child, Thorp, Bailey, Mines and child, Buderus and infant, Shaw, Watt, Kirby, Harris and infant, Messrs. Allison, Galloway, Smythe, Davis, Tydeman, Cates, Leslie, Cooper, Credjington, Colquhoun, Humphries, Borne, Meynink, Franklyn and son, Cambridge, M'Nab, Dall, Holloway, Hetherington, Rev. Ahern, Bierre, Marshall, Carroll, Watson, D. M'Kenzie, Colonel Fuson, Medhurst, Stebbing, Nagle, Penton, Duthie, Robinson, Home, Stubley, Meikle, Warner, Pearce, Hawke, Guthrie, Arthur, Moore, Lee, Black, Soady, Lowe, Fletcher, Haylock, Bailey, Hill, M'Leod, Buderus, Davis, Marley, Turner, Buxton, Luck, Bellamy, Lewis, Palmington, O'Neill, Watt, Nicholls, Brendle, Porter (2), Robertson, Trewern, M'Caskill, M'Grath, Inch, Fletcher, Brennan. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Nairnshire, s, 5747 tons, Captain W. Chicken, from Liverpool, en route to New Zealand ports. Birt and Co., Limited, agents.

Canterbury, Norwegian bq, 1175 tons, Captain Lydersen, from Mollendo, Peru. Olav E. Pauss, agent.

Arrino, s, 4484 tons, Captain Young, from Port Pirie, en route to London and the Continent. Birt and Co., Limited, agents.

Corio, s, 2661 tons, Captain Smith, from Brisbane. Howard Smith Company, Ltd., agents.

Hunter, s, 1840 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and H. R. S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Archer, s, 694 tons, Captain Nilsson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and H. R. S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Hillmeads, s, 192 tons, Captain Baaclain, from Moruya. Illawarra and South Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Dorrigo, s, 302 tons, Captain M'Intyre, from Coff's Harbour. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

DEPARTURES.—Dec. 7.

H.M.S. Powerful, for Colombo, via Fremantle.
Atua, s, for Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa.
Wyreema, s, for Melbourne.
Arawatta, s, for Cooktown, via Brisbane and ports.
Dart, training yacht, on a cruise.
Barrabool, s, for Rockhampton, via ports.
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Annaberg, s, for Hamburg, via Melbourne.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Dec. 8.

Iserlohn, s, for the Continent, via Java ports; Wimmera, s, for Auckland and other New Zealand ports; Wakatipu, s, for Launceston, via Eden; Coomonderry, s, for Wollongong, Kiama, and Nowra; Namoi, s, for Newcastle; Cooloon, s, for Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga; Kiltobranks, s, for Richmond River.

CLEARANCES.—Dec. 7.

Atua, s, 3444 tons, Captain Jordan, for Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, and Auckland. Passengers—Mesdames Goodwin, Robinson, Zwingenberger, Roby, Stoikes, Jelbert, Sisters of Mercy (6), Misses Thomas, Shanborough, Hearne, Callaghan, Turner, Souter, Bergermann, Zwingenberger, Messrs. Dr. Busing Chue Tso Hong, M. Chak Kwan, Lue Jun Chos, W. Reincke, G. Williams, Masters Hoon, Cleary, Sunderland, Kennedy, Hunter, Macquarie, Hillhouse, Nes, Gardiner, Morris (2), Menge, Olding.

Imberhorne, Br. ship, 1997 tons, Captain Levir, for Melbourne.

ENTERED OUTWARDS.—Dec. 7.

Hopewell, s, for Maryborough; Nairnshire, s, for London, via New Zealand ports; Warrimoo, s, for Wellington; Georgic, s, for Liverpool and London, via Melbourne and the Suez Canal; Imberhorne, British sh, for Melbourne; Barrabool, s, for Rockhampton and Brisbane, via Newcastle; Pelotas, bq, for Wanganui, via Grafton.

MOVEMENTS OF OVERSEA STEAMERS.

Macedonia, R.M.S. (P. and O. line), arrived at Suez on Sunday last from Sydney, via ports, en route to London.

THE MOREA AT FREMANTLE.

FREMANTLE, Tuesday.

The P. and O. Company's R.M.S. Morea, from London bound to Sydney, arrived here at 6.45 this morning with the following passengers:—

For Melbourne: Messrs. Anderson, Marshall, Kiddle, Stalker, Davis, Kelly, Gilks, Cook, Cann, Crocker, Anderson, Bulei, Shepherd, Morris, Price, M'Gill (2), Standeld, Lamsell, Cartwright, Wertheim, Newbigin, Matheson, Knibbs, Subwa, Dawson, O'Brien, and Grattan, Mesdames Newbigin, Cartwright, Catto, Shepherd, Mills, Brown, Griffiths, Peel, Stalker, Sayer, and Anderson, Misses Anderson, M'Millan, Brown, Monohan, Cook, Munn (2), Sinnotte, Shepherd, and Drane.

For Sydney: Messrs. Smith, Branson, Forest, Taylor, Todd, Kirkland, Lance, Murphine, Simons, Officer, Kentish, Rooke, Patterson, Campbell, Fottenham, Catto, Staples, Macgeorge, Ingram, Wells, Davidson, Baker, Veymark, Brooks, Hayes, Boyley, Robin, Mayo, Solomon, Lord Wynford, Yuill, Peacock, Bower, Marks, Barber, Phillips, Rosewarne, Wilkinson, Brown, Watson, Parmar, Tesre, Foreman, Grant, Vigaro, Williamson, Maher, Eaper, Nasor Bey, Nesnor, Juredice, King, Price, Low, Fife, Murphy, and Brown, Mesdames Low, King, Beaumont, Mather, Foreman, Farrar, Hall, Lady Wynford, Chisholm, Pearson, Morgan, Joshua, Bowen, Pope, Rich, Berkley, Forrest, Salmon, Langtree, Newbiggin, Cartwright, Watson, Brooks, Bray, Goode, Catto, Officer, Kirkland, Todd, Taylor, Branson, Williamson, and Murphy, Misses Williamson, Murphy (2), Branson, Simons (2), Birkmyre, Kennedy, Robertson, Caffin, Vanrompay (2), Watson, Malone, Peck, Lonergan, Rich, Reddell, Bowen, Morgan, Pearson, Chisholm, Boughton, Brennan, Lea, Bauer, Maher (2), Hamall, Price, Beaumont, Thurlow, and Royal.

THE GUTHRIE FROM SINGAPORE.

Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, have been advised that their Eastern steamer Guthrie left Port Darwin yesterday en route from Singapore and Java to Sydney, with the following passengers:—

Messrs. Haas, Grim, Carson, Paxton, P. Fox, Norrie, Taylor, Simpson, Budgen, Duncan, Goodridge, Darby, Chalmers, New, Wallace, Peake, Major Addington, Mr. and Mrs. Mant, Dr. and Mrs. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Mara, Misses Mant and Dutton, and one Chinese.

The vessel is expected to reach Sydney on the 20th instant.

MODEL OF THE MATARAM.

A handsome model of the new steamer Mataram, specially designed and built to the order of Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., for the Sydney-Singapore service, has arrived from Glasgow, and is now on view at the establishment of Beard, Watson, Ltd., in George-street.

The Mataram is under orders to sail on her maiden voyage to the East on the 28th inst.

BAR HARBOURS.

The following telegrams were received yesterday respecting the condition of the various bar harbours:—Cape Hawke, bar 7ft at high water; Manning Heads, no soundings taken this morning, sea heavy on the bar; Bellinger Heads, bar 6ft 6in, on crossing 8ft 6in, rise of tide 2ft 6in; Camden Haven Heads, bar 6ft 3in, crossing 7ft 6in, rise of tide 3ft 6in.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING.

THURSDAY ISLAND (2000m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Nikko Maru, J.M.S., from Japan. Dep: Dec. 6, Santhia, s, for Calcutta. Dec. 7, Warrego, s, for Brisbane.

TOWNSVILLE (1370m).—Dep: Dec. 6, Van den Bosch, s, for Batavia; Yawata Maru, J.M.S., for Japan; Mintaro, s, for Sydney; Colac, s, for Bundaberg.

FLATTOP ISLAND (1125m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Wyandra, s, from Sydney. Dep: Dec. 6, Wodonga, s, Bingera, s, both for Brisbane.

KEPPEL BAY (877m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Timaru, s, from Iron Island.

BUNDABERG (717m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Tinana, s, from Brisbane.

MARYBOROUGH (680m).—Arr: Dec. 6, Sylvan, s, from Townsville.

BRISBANE (500m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Bombala, s, from Townsville. Dep: Dec. 7, Yongala, s, and Moira, s, both for Sydney; Peregrine, s, for Townsville; Musgrave, s, for Gladstone; Allinga, s, for Cairns.

TWEED HEADS (374m).—Dec. 7, Friendship, s, harbound, not enough water to cross out.

CLARENCE HEADS (296m).—Dec. 7, Senorita, bqtn, ready for sea.

COFF'S HARBOUR (240m).—Dep: Dec. 6, Duranbah, s, at midnight, for Sydney.

BELLINGER HEADS (230m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Alma Doepel, sch, at 4.45 a.m., from Sydney; Alpha, sch, off the bar.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (223m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Lansdowne, ktch, at 4 p.m., from Sydney. Dep: Dec. 7, Our Elsie, s, at 5 p.m., for Sydney.

MACLEAY RIVER HEADS (209m).—Dec. 7, Tethys, Govt. dredge, at work on the bar; Rozelle, ktch, at anchor in the bay.

SMOKY CAPE (205m).—Passed: Dec. 7, a steamer flying WBRG, at 12.30 p.m., south.

TACKING POINT (169m).—Passed: Dec. 7, Duranbah, s, at 3.50 p.m., Inga, s, at 4.55 p.m., both south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (159m).—Dep: Dec. 7, Commonwealth, s, at 2.15 p.m., for Sydney.

CROWDY HEAD (147m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Corra Lynn, s, at 8 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: Dec. 7, Uralla, s, at 8.20 a.m., for the south.

MANNING HEADS (144m).—Dec. 7, Corra Lynn, s, off the bar.

CAPE HAWKE (123m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Tuncurry, s, at 4.40 a.m., from Sydney.

SEAL ROCKS (109m).—Passed: Dec. 7, Ellerslie, s, at 5.50 p.m., Bellinger, s, at 5.50 p.m., both north; Uralla, s, at 2.45 p.m., south.

PORT STEPHENS (83m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Hawk, s, at 9.30 a.m., Dauntless, s, at noon. Dep: Dec. 7, a small oil launch at 4.15 a.m., bound south. Passed: Dec. 7, Dorrigo, s, at noon, south.

BARRANJOEY (19m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Woy Woy, s, at 11 a.m., from Sydney.

SOUTH HEAD (4m).—Passed: Dec. 7, a ship, ENE, 20 miles, at 4.50 a.m., north.

KIAMA (59m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Kiama, s, at 7 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: Dec. 7, Kiama, s, at 10 a.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY (87m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Laroa, yawl, during the night. Passed: Dec. 7, Arrimo, s, at 7.45 a.m., north; one of Allen Taylor's steamers, at 7.45 a.m., Arab, ktch, at 6.30 p.m., H.M.S. Powerful, at 6.45 p.m., all south.

ULLADULLA (108m).—Arr: Dec. 6, Hillmeads, s, at 8.30 p.m., from the south. Dep: Dec. 6, Hillmeads, s, at midnight, for Sydney.

MORUYA HEADS (141m).—Passed: Dec. 7, Moruya, s, at 5.15 p.m., Coomonderry, s, at 6.20 p.m., both north; one of Allen Taylor's steamers, at 4.45 p.m., south.

NAROOMA (157m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Wandra, s, at 7 p.m., from Sydney. Dep: Dec. 7, Coomonderry, s, at 4 p.m., for Sydney.

BERMAGUI (180m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Moruya, s, at 6.40 a.m., from Tathra. Dep: Dec. 7, Moruya, s, at 12.15 p.m., for Sydney.

GREEN CAPE (218m).—Passed: Dec. 6, a steamer, at 8.20 p.m., north. Dec. 7, Westralia, s, at 3.15 p.m., City of Madrid, s, at 3.15 p.m., both south.

GABO (238m).—Passed: Dec. 7, Westralia, s, at 5.40 p.m., south; City of Madrid, s, at 5.40 p.m., a 3-masted ship, at 8 p.m., both west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (426m).—Passed inward: Dec. 7, Kakapo, s, at 5.15 a.m.; Greenwich, s, at 7.30 a.m.; Endeavour, Federal trawler, at 11.30 a.m.; Jura, s, at 1.50 p.m.; Vine Branch, s, at 6.5 p.m., bound to Adelaide. Passed outward: Dec. 7, Kyarra, s, at 6.45 a.m.; Gryfevale, s, at 7 a.m.

MELBOURNE (576m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Den of Ruthven, s, and Mimiro, s, both from Sydney; Indian Monarch, s, from Newcastle; Setara, s, from Calcutta; Aldenham, s, from Japan, via Sydney. Dep: Dec. 7, Mongolia, R.M.S., for London; Oonah, s, for Burnie; Grantala, s, for Cairns, via Sydney; Moonah, s, for King's Island; Lauderdale, s, for Hobart.

LAUNCESTON (509m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Waratah, s, at 5.47 p.m., from Melbourne. Dep: Dec. 7, Loongana, s, at 8.20 p.m., for Melbourne.

ADELAIDE (1084m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Vellore, sh, from Campbelltown; Dilkera, s, from Melbourne; British Yeoman, bq, from San Francisco. Dep: Dec. 7, Thelass, bq, for Port Wakefield.

PORT PIRIE (1238m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Moonta, s, from Fremantle. Dep: Dec. 7, Wimbledon, s, for Antwerp, via Durban.

ALBANY (2100m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Port Pirie, s, from London. Passed: Dec. 6, Konigen Luise, G.M.S., at 3.40 p.m., west; Dec. 7, a 3-masted steamer with two black funnels at 1.50 p.m., west.

FREMANTLE (2465m).—Arr: Dec. 6, Otranto, R.M.S., at 7.5 p.m.; Dec. 7, Konigin Luise, G.M.S., at 4.40 p.m., both from the eastern States; Morea, R.M.S., at 6.45 a.m., from London. Dep: Dec. 6, Friedrich der Grosse, G.M.S., at 5.10 p.m., for the eastern States; Dec. 7, Otranto, R.M.S., at 7.40 a.m., for London.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Arrivals.

LONDON, Tuesday.

Salamis, s (Aberdeen line), 4508 tons, Captain Schleman, at London, from Sydney Oct. 9, via Melbourne Oct. 13, Fremantle Oct. 20, Capetown Nov. 6, and Plymouth Dec. 4.

Obernausen, s (German-Australian line), 4322 tons, Captain Schmidt, at Antwerp, en route to Hamburg, from Sydney Oct. 13, via Melbourne Oct. 19, Adelaide Oct. 23, Albany Oct. 29, and Suez Nov. 21.

Departures.

Guerveur, French barque, 2225 tons, Captain J. Crequer, for Adelaide.

Schwaben, s (Norddeutscher Lloyd cargo service), 5102 tons, Captain Willemsen, for Sydney, via Adelaide and ports.

Somerset, s (Federal-Houlder-Shire line), 7150 tons, Captain Hayward, from Liverpool for Sydney, via ports.

Colebey, s, 5824 tons, Captain Wedgewood, from Buenos Ayres, for Newcastle.

Kirkfield, s, 3002 tons, Captain Watson, from London for Fremantle.

Mamari, s (Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company), 7062 tons, Captain Maxwell, from London for Auckland and Wellington.

Kiakoura, s (New Zealand Shipping Company), 6008 tons, Captain M'Kellar, from London for Lyttelton, N.Z.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON (1233m).—Arr: Dec. 7, Papanui, s, from London, via Capetown.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5 and 6.30 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.
Launceston, via Eden.—Wakatipu, 9 a.m.
Eden.—Wakatipu, 9 a.m.
Wardell (R.R.).—Bancornie, 10 a.m.
Auckland, etc, N.Z. (direct).—Wimmera, 11 a.m.
Macassar, Sourabaya, Semarang, Batavia, and Padang (direct).—Iserlohn, 3 p.m.
Singapore, via Adelaide.—Obra, 5 p.m.
Ocean Island and Nauru, via Melbourne.—Lincolnshire, 5 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Oonah, 6.30 p.m.
Natal and Capetown, via Melbourne.—Runic, 6.30 p.m.

THURSDAY.

Manning River.—Electra, 9 a.m.
Eden.—Eden, 9 a.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Albany.—Riverina, 5 p.m.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN MAILS.

The mails by the Orient S. N. Company's R.M.S. Otway, bearing the date of London, November 5, will arrive in Sydney in time for the delivery of letters from the G.P.O. at about 1.30 p.m. to-day.

The P. and O. Company's R.M.S. Morea arrived at Fremantle at 6.45 a.m. yesterday. She brings mails dated London, November 12, which will, it is anticipated, be available for delivery here on Monday.

The mails by the German mail steamer Friedrich der Grosse are expected to reach Sydney on Tuesday.

The mails by the R.M.S. Ormuz, which left Sydney on November 2, arrived in London on Sunday.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

South Sydney Rifle Club fired a practice shoot at the Botany range on Saturday, 7 shots at 300 and 700 yards. Scores:—S. Pinack, 32, 29—61; H. Mascord, 33, 27—60; J. Beverley, 28, 29—57; A. Sharpe, 32, 25—57; S. Baldwin, 30, 27—56; C. Jenner, 25, 27—56; F. Hansell, 24, 26—50; J. Port, 25, 24—49; E. Marion, 25, 24—49; H. Turner, 21, 25—46; R. Gunter, 24, 21—45; H. Pawley, 24, 17—41; W. Sloane, 21, 17—38; D. Young, 18, 16—34.

DUBBO, Tuesday.

Shooting at 200 and 300 yds on Saturday members of the Light Horse Club on Saturday made the following as the best scores:—Sergeant F. M'Gregor, 30, 33—63; Tr. V. Bruce, 33, 29—62; Lieut. J. Heane, 32, 28—60; Tr. F. Balthausen, 33, 27—60; Tr. F. Worthington, 30, 25—55.

In connection with the musketry practice of the cadet detachment at the Dubbo district school, 36 qualified as marksmen. The best score was put up by Cpl. N. Patman (164), and the second best by Cpl. T. Machattie (162).

GOULBURN, Tuesday.

Following were the prize-winners at the monthly shoot of the Goulburn Rifle Club—seven shots each at 800 and 900 yards:—R. D. Scale (6 points handicap) 64; S. Wetting (14), 64; R. G. White (12), 64; A. W. Ball (6), 61; G. Folkard (12), 61; R. G. Taylor (8), 60; C. Morris (2), 56; Captain Wright (19), 56; D. Young (3), 50; C. Kearns (5), 48; A. Daly (8), 47.

SINGLETON, Tuesday.

The following were the principal scores of the Singleton Rifle Club, seven shots at 500 and 600 yards:—W. Cope, 59; W. Taylor, 57; J. A. Bartrop, 56; H. J. Harris, 56; G. B. O'Halloran, 53; J. E. Short, 51.

OVERCOMING DUST NUISANCE.

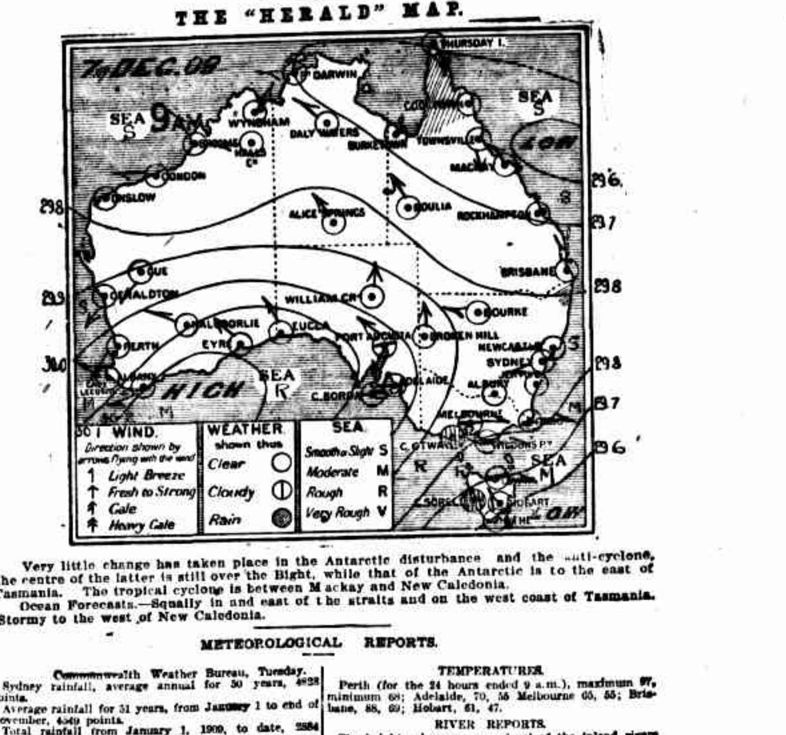
MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The conference of metropolitan municipal councils, which was held to consider the question of the prevention or abatement of the dust nuisance, has issued its report. It recommended that the system of tarpainting the road surface be adopted on all roads throughout the whole of the metropolitan municipalities. Based on this recommendation, and to the extent that it was carried out, the conference strongly urged the abolition of regular street watering as being unnecessary, and injurious to the road surface. With regard to ordinary macadamised roads, not tar-painted, the conference suggested that street watering should only be carried out in the form of light sprinkling, and during extreme weather.

An old woman who made a precarious living as a swineherd at Arlon, on the border of Luxembourg, has received news that she had inherited £240,000. When she was told, the old woman, who is a widow and childless, said calmly: "That's good news; I'm glad of that. I shall be able to buy a new apron and a little field of potatoes. I've been wanting them for years."

AUSTRALIAN WEATHER.

THE "HERALD" MAP.



Very little change has taken place in the Antarctic disturbance and the anti-cyclone, the centre of the latter is still over the Bight, while that of the Antarctic is to the east of Tasmania. The tropical cyclone is between Mackay and New Caledonia.

Ocean Forecasts.—Squally in and east of the straits and on the west coast of Tasmania. Stormy to the west of New Caledonia.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Commonwealth Weather Bureau, Tuesday.

Sydney rainfall, average annual for 50 years, 4828 points.

Average rainfall for 51 years, from January 1 to end of November, 4549 points.

Total rainfall from January 1, 1909, to date, 2584 points.

Total for corresponding period of 1908, 4446 points.

Barometer: At 9 a.m., 29.843; at 3 p.m., 29.729; at 9 p.m., 29.727.

Temperature: At 9 a.m., 72.5; at 3 p.m., 71.3; at 9 p.m., 67. Maximum, 74; minimum, 56.1.

Humidity: At 9 a.m., 49; at 3 p.m., 57; at 9 p.m., 73.

Wind; Greatest velocity, 26 miles from the NE.

RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Byron Bay 35 points, Casino 80, Clarence Heads 8, Lismore 46, Tabulam 3, Tweed Heads 3.

RAINFALLS IN QUEENSLAND.

The following were the principal rainfall registrations in Queensland during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Tuesday:—

Northern Division.—Cairns 15 points, Cooktown 15, Coen 12, Grassy Hill 17.

Central Division.—Proserpine 26 points, Mackay 17.

Southern Division.—Yandina 10 points, Tiaro 20, Gundiah 13, Cooran 13, Kenilworth 30, Mapleton 88, Eumundi 16, Caloundra 10, Redcliffe 60, Bulwer 17, Bald Hills 35.

The late reports for the 48 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Monday were:—Ravenswood 520 points, Bogantungan 29, Pine Hills 27, Cooray 31, Gundiah 28, Nambour 52.

RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION.

New South Wales, for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m.—Light to moderate rain recorded on the North Coast.

Victoria.—Very light rain recorded at places on the south-west coast.

South Australia.—One point of rain recorded at five places.

Western Australia.—Very light rain recorded at one or two places on the south coast.

Queensland.—Light to good and scattered rain recorded on the peninsula and seaboard.

Tasmania.—Light to moderate rain recorded at a few scattered places.

SYNOPSIS.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Fine and clear generally.

CONDITIONS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Fine and clear generally.

Victoria.—Showery or raining in south-west coastal districts, fine and clear many places in northern half, otherwise cloudy.

South Australia.—Fine but cloudy to overcast generally, but clear in parts of the north.

Western Australia.—Cloudy to gloomy on the south coast, otherwise fine and clear.

Queensland.—Cloudy in the northern areas, otherwise clear to fine but cloudy; cooler generally, except in the far north.

Tasmania.—Raining in the west, fine but cloudy elsewhere.

BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29.82; Geraldton, 29.93; Perth, 30.05; Esperance Bay, 30.26; Eucla, 30.17; Streaky Bay, 30.09; Adelaide, 30.04; Portland, 29.89; Melbourne, 29.87; Wilson's Promontory, 29.75; Gabo Island, 29.83; Cape St. George, 29.83; Newcastle, 29.82; Port Macquarie, 29.85; Clarence Heads, 29.85; Brisbane, 29.77; Rockhampton, 29.65; Mackay, 29.62; Cooktown, 29.67.

TEMPERATURES.

Perth (for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m.), maximum 97, minimum 68; Adelaide, 70, 55; Melbourne 65, 55; Brisbane, 88, 69; Hobart, 61, 47.

RIVER REPORTS.

The heights above summer level of the inland rivers at 9 a.m. on December 7 were as follow:—Albury, 2ft 2in; Balranald, 3ft; Bingara, 3ft 6in; Boggabilla, 10ft 10in; Booligal, 1ft; Bourke, 2in, f; Brewarrina, 4ft 4in; Collarenebri, 1; Condobolin, 11in; Cowra, 4in; Deniliquin, 2ft 11in; Dubbo, 2ft; Euabalong, 1ft 2in, f; Euston, 12ft 6in; Goodooga, 1; Gundagai, 1ft 7in; Gunnedah, 1; Hay, 2ft 2in; Hillston, 6in, f; Kunopia, 3ft 6in, r; Louth, 2ft 5in, f; Manilla, 1; Menindie, 2ft 6½in; Moama, 12ft 5in; Mogil Mogil, 1; Moulamein, 3ft 3in; Mungundi, 8ft 6in, r; Narrandera, 7ft 8in; Pooncarie, 5ft; Tilpa, 1ft 7in, f; Tocumwal, 4ft; Wagga Wagga, 2ft 8in; Wentworth, 9ft 2in; Wilcannia, 3ft 11½in; Yetman, 2ft, f; Barwon River, at Walgett, 6ft, f; Namoi River, at Walgett, 3ft 7in, f.

Note.—R. rising; f. falling; l. low.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 6 P.M.

Tweed Heads, SSE, strong, cloudy, sea heavy; Byron Bay, E, light, fine, sea smooth; Ballina, ESE, fresh, cloudy, bar moderately heavy; Clarence Heads, SE, light, fine, sea slight; Woolgoolga, S, light, fresh, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, SE, moderate, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, S, moderate, fine, sea slight; Port Macquarie, ESE, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Manning Heads, NE, moderate, fine, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, SW, light, hazy, sea heavy; Port Stephens, NE, strong, cloudy, sea moderate; Newcastle, NE, moderate gale, cloudy, sea rather rough; Lake Macquarie Heads, NE, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, NE, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Barranjoey, NE, strong, dull, sea moderate; South Head, NE, strong, fine, sea moderate; Wollongong, NE, strong, hazy, sea smooth; Kiama, N, fresh, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, NE, fresh, fine, sea slight; Jervis Bay, NE, strong, fine, sea moderate; Ulladulla, NE, strong, fine, sea moderate; Bateman's Bay, SE, light, hazy, sea slight; Moruya, E, light, fine, sea smooth; Eden, NE, moderate, gloomy, cloudy, sea slight; Green Cape, NE, moderate, gloomy, cloudy, sea slight; Gabo Island, NE, fresh, misty, cloudy, sea moderate.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Generally fine but a tendency for cloud areas and later coastal showers. Southerly to south-easterly winds.

Victoria.—Cloud areas south of the ranges, with occasional light showers, otherwise fine generally, with cool to moderate temperatures; south-westerly winds.

Queensland.—Generally fine, except for occasional showers along the Pacific slopes; south-easterly winds.

South Australia.—Generally fine, unimportant showers in the extreme south and south-east, with south-westerly to south-easterly winds.

Western Australia.—Generally fine and warm to hot, with easterly to north-easterly winds.

Tasmania.—Fine to cloudy generally, more showers in the west and south; wind between west and south-west.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DECEMBER 8.

Sun rises 4.37, sets 6.56; Moon, 2.5 a.m., 2.28 p.m.; Mercury, 4.48 a.m., 7.16 p.m.; Venus, 8.5 a.m., 10.19 p.m.; Mars, 1.15 p.m., 1.11 a.m.; Jupiter, 1.21 a.m., 1.42 p.m.; Saturn, 2.0 p.m., 1.46 a.m.

New Moon, December 13, at 5.59 a.m.

High Water at Fort Denison at 5.5 a.m. and 5.28 p.m.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE WELLINGTON DOCK.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

A report has been submitted to the Wellington Harbour Board by the engineer concerning the proposal that the design of the Wellington dock should be altered to enable the basin to receive super-Dreadnoughts. Details are not yet available. It is understood that difficulties, financial and otherwise, deter the board from altering the present plans.

LOCAL OPTION.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

Three hundred representatives of the liquor trade met at Wellington to consider the action of the New Zealand Alliance in seeking to vary an essential feature of the compact recently made as the basis for amendments to the Licensing Act. The compact provided that every vote for no-license at the local option poll should also stand for abolition of liquor throughout the Dominion. The no-license party has since repudiated this, demanding separate ballot papers for local no-license and Dominion prohibition. The trade conference to-day resolved to ask the Government to legislate on the lines of the original compact, not necessarily this session, but before the next option poll.

PERILOUS BOATING ADVENTURE.

CAPSIZE IN BEGA RIVER.

BEGA, Tuesday.

A perilous adventure befell Messrs. Jack Rosenthall, Norman Keillor, Sidney Disher, Walter Sawyer, David Rosenthall, James Elliott, and Venn, while boating on Bega River on Sunday. They had a racing sail hoisted, which at a critical moment failed to work on the pulleys with the result that the boat turned turtle. The occupants were precipitated into the river. One of the number was unable to swim, so Jack Rosenthall and James Elliott struck out for the shore to obtain assistance. At this place the river is at its widest. About 300yds had to be negotiated by the swimmers. On reaching land both were exhausted after their efforts. It was some little time before they were able to set down the river to obtain aid to rescue their mates, who were in a most precarious position. Mr. Lavington soon had a boat out, but had only travelled some little distance when one of the sculls broke, and he had to paddle the rest of the way, which prolonged the rescue to a large extent. After being submerged in the water for about three-quarters of an hour the party was rescued just in time, as some were in an exhausted condition, Keillor having fainted. The party's wearing apparel and other articles were lost. D. Rosenthall and S. Disher are good swimmers, but elected to stay with the others till help arrived.

THE COCOS CYCLONE.

PERTH, Tuesday.

Commander Broun, of the R.M.S. Morea, which reached Fremantle this morning, reported that the Morea passed close to Direction Island, of the Cocos Group, at 11.30 a.m. on December 2, and the inhabitants signalled:—"Cyclone; do not need assistance from vessel." It could be seen that quite two-thirds of the trees and all the thick scrub had been blown down, and the few trees remaining had lost their tops. Two of the Eastern Extension Company's buildings appeared to be roofless. The cyclone seemed to have struck the eastern side of the island, and the damage done was almost incredible. Numerous small islands also suffered to the same extent as Direction Island. Commander Broun put over a cask containing mutton and late magazines, but a cable received from the Eastern Extension Company states that the islanders had no boat to recover it.

MR. M'LACHLAN AND THE STARVATION WAGES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I am a woman, and mother of five children, mostly boys; my husband's pay averages about £2 4s a week from the Commonwealth. He will be close on 60 before he is allowed to draw £150. My complaint is that we have not enough to live in a decent manner. We have to pay 12s 6d rent, food and clothing are dear to what they were formerly, and I venture to plead that instead of waiting until old age sets in the Commissioner would kindly pay this reasonable wage now to all married men with families. It would be the greatest blessing he could do. It would mean more food and clothes for the children.

I do not think Mr. M'Lachlan can be aware of hardships that some families are in, or he surely would level them up, and improve their conditions to a fair standard. I am, etc.,

AN AUSTRALIAN MOTHER.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

NET EXPENDITURE, £2,491,706.

The report of the Department of Public Works for 1908-9 was presented to Parliament last evening. Its principal features are contained in the following abstract:—

The net expenditure, as returned by the accountant, amounted to £2,491,076, an increase of £176,754 on that of last year. This total includes expenditure upon work carried out for other State departments and for the Commonwealth Government, also an amount of £3290 8s 10d incurred in connection with Royal commissions. The cost of administration, preliminary investigations, design, and supervision totalled approximately £172,187, or 6.91 per cent. of the entire expenditure. Payments in connection with the Darling Harbour and Rocks resumptions amounted to £7998, the total expenditure by the department on this account to June 30, 1909, being £4,818,630.

RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.

The heaviest outlay during the year was on account of railway construction, the expenditure under that head amounting to £423,591. On the North Coast railway (West Maitland to South Grafton) contracts to a total value of £799,176 have been let to date. The contracts now in hand cover a total length of 76 miles 71.6 chains, and are situate on what are known as the first and third sections, lying between West Maitland and Dungog and Gloucester and Taree respectively. The second section, between Dungog and Gloucester, a length of 38 miles 68.4 chains, is being held in abeyance until such time as the first section can be utilised for the transport of heavy materials. The permanent marking of the remainder of the line, Taree to South Grafton, a distance of about 195¾ miles, is now proceeding on the sections between Taree and Kempsey, 78 miles 63.5 chains, and between South Grafton and Coff's Harbour, 52 miles 40 chains. During the year 150¾ miles of new line, being sections of extensions previously in hand or authorised, were completed, and opened for traffic.

The total expenditure on tramway construction for the year amounted to £294,269 13s 6d. A total length of 17 miles 35 chains of new line had been opened, and a further length of 17¾ miles was under construction on June 30, 1909.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Expenditure on and in connection with State public buildings amounted to £416,064 19s 4d, which was increased by works carried out for the Federal Government and the Norfolk Island administration, making the total outlay on public buildings for the year £461,472.

HARBOURS AND WATER SUPPLY.

Expenditure under this head amounted during the year to £311,222. Attention is drawn to the difficulties experienced in dealing with the enormous amount of dredging necessary to maintain the various channels and river entrances in a navigable condition owing to the limited extent of the plant at disposal. The movements of the shifting sand-bars and shoals are frequent and rapid, and until permanent improvements in the way of breakwaters and training-walls are complete, the necessity for dredging will be practically continuous.

Water supplies to country towns, etc., entailed an expenditure of £63,875 6s 8d. When practicable, supply is derived from a convenient river or creek, either by pumping from the running stream or from a reservoir formed by dam, but in the majority of the towns referred to in the chief engineer's report, Gunnedah, Singleton, Gundagai, Cowra, Wellington, Dubbo, Mudgee (auxiliary supply), Moree, etc., the supply is obtained from water-bearing drift below the surface. It is pointed out that, at Gunnedah, the underground flow is of such volume that the pumps working to their full capacity of 30,000 gallons per hour cannot reduce the water level more than a few feet, at which point it remains stationary.

Work in connection with the Barren Jack dam and Northern Murrumbidgee irrigation project has been actively pushed forward. Good progress has been made with the main canal and head works. The canal, for 5¼ miles from its commencement, has a bottom width of 48 feet, and has been designed for a flow-depth of 8ft, at which it will deliver 1125 cubic ft per second. It is practically complete for a length of 41 miles (including a natural waterway), and has been protected, where necessary, by a substantial flood bank. Further lengths totalling 35 miles are under construction. The expenditure for the year amounted to £190,598, bringing the total expenditure on these works at June 30, 1909, to £370,549.

Contracts in connection with schemes for the drainage of eight different swamps, covering a total area of approximately 53,561 acres, were in hand on June 30, 1909, the total estimated cost being £54,870, whilst proposals for dealing with 23 other submerged or waterlogged areas were in a more or less advanced stage.

The provisions of the Water and Drainage Act also allow owners of land within the artesian water-bearing basin to secure the advantages of an artesian well without incurring individually the large cost involved in sinking same. Nine such wells, with the necessary distributing channels, etc., were handed over to the respective trusts during the year, bringing the total number to date to 30. Their total cost amounted to £116,783, and the annual repayment is £7110. The total area at present watered by Government and private bores is about 3,000,000 acres. Nine trusts are in course of formation, covering an additional 612,320 acres, and involving the construction of about 40½ miles of drains.

On sewerage construction, the year's expenditure amounted to £64,136, distributed as follows:—Metropolitan district, £17,829; Newcastle and district, £22,024; and country towns generally, £24,281.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The numbers of shires in the State is 134. Of these, 87 receive endowment ranging in amount, according to classification, from £3 6s 8d per annum (Manning shire) to £8571 14s 2d (Dorrigo shire), the total endowment or subsidy for the year 1908 (January to December) being £162,448. A much larger subsidy is foreshadowed for the current year. The total sum received by the shires from the Government, including endowment, special grants, etc., was £212,654, whilst the revenue accruing from rates was £409,652, making a total income for the year of £622,306, while the expenditure for the same period amounted to £652,891. The 57 shires to which no subsidy is granted receive a revenue in rates which is sufficient to cover all reasonable requirements, and it is only to those shires where, by reason of paucity of settlement or other causes, the revenue obtainable by levying rates within the prescribed limits is insufficient to meet the expenditure required to maintain existing or undertake necessary new public works that endowment is allocated.

ROADS, BRIDGES, PUBLIC WATERING PLACES, AND FERRIES.

The work of the department under this heading, within the incorporated area, is now limited to the maintenance and construction of national works and the construction of new roads through Crown land proposed to be made available for closer settlement purposes. The total expenditure amounted to £120,361, of which bridges absorbed £67,040, roads £40,001, ferries £12,355, and the caretaking of public watering places £984 10s.

THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD, BILOELA.

The managing committee report an increased volume of work, the total expenditure amounting to £84,332, and refer to the adoption of improved methods of construction and the satisfactory state of the workshops and the efficiency of same. The total number of vessels of all classes docked during the year was 99, and the total tonnage 79,116. As the greater portion of this tonnage consisted of men-of-war and Commonwealth or State vessels, on which no docking dues are charged, the receipts were comparatively small.

DUNGOG WATER SUPPLY.

THE GOVERNMENT SCHEME.

DUNGOG, Tuesday.

The municipal council has received a report from the Public Works Department giving a description of the proposed scheme for a water supply to the town, with estimates of cost and probable revenue. It is intended to provide for a population of 1600 persons, with an average consumption of 57,000 gallons per day, which would be increased to 80,000. The supply of water would be obtained from a well in the drift near the river which runs on the east side of the town. The well will be 20ft in diameter, brick-lined, and built above flood level. Necessary machinery is also to be placed there. A reservoir to hold 200,000 gallons is to be excavated at the south end of the town. The estimated cost of the scheme is £9000, and the estimated annual charge £729. In order to raise this sum annually it would be necessary to impose 1½d in the pound on the improved value of the rateable area, or 3½d in the pound on the unimproved value of the land. In the estimated revenue there is an item of £100 per annum from the Railway Commissioners for water. An analysis of water obtained from trial shafts proves the water is of good quality for domestic purposes and use in steam boilers. The matter will be considered by the council at a general meeting.

FEDERAL FINANCE.

STATEMENT BY TREASURY.

REVENUE INCREASING.

NO ISSUE OF TREASURY BONDS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

In the House of Representatives to-night Sir John Forrest made a statement regarding the finances of the Commonwealth. He began by reminding members that in his budget he forecasted a deficit of £1,200,000 for the present year. Under the agreement arrived at with the State Premiers, the States were going to allow the Commonwealth to keep £600,000 of their share of customs and excise revenue. It was anticipated that the customs and excise revenue would show a decrease of £43,958 for the year. He was glad to say that up till November 30 the customs and excise revenue was £289,328 in excess of the amount received for the same period of last year, so that so far the excess over the estimate was £333,278. It was not easy to be sure of Customs revenue but he hoped in view of the splendid season the figures would be maintained. Of course they had to face a very unfortunate affair in the coal strike; and he did not know how this would affect the revenue. In the Budget postal revenue was estimated to increase by £141,000; but up till November 30 the increase had totalled £108,302 over the similar period of last year. If the receipts went up at the same rate till the end of the year they would get an increase of £259,000 over last year. With increases and savings he hoped to have £300,000 more available than he estimated, and this added to £600,000 to come from the States would cut down the estimated deficit to £300,000. The Government did not propose to ask Parliament for permission to issue Treasury bonds, as he proposed in the Budget. Seeing that they could only be £300,000 short, it would not be necessary to proceed with the issue of bonds, but when the time arrived to meet liabilities the Government would make temporary arrangements.

POISONING BY POST.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

No official report has yet been received by the Postmaster-General (Sir John Quick) regarding the alleged poisoning case reported from Forbes (N.S.W.), due, it is stated, to a sorter and a boy eating chocolates, which had fallen from a packet sent by post.

Sir John Quick said this afternoon that he had not heard of such a case in Australia before. What the postal authorities might do to prevent poison being sent in that way through the post was a matter for consideration; but for the moment he could not see how the officials could be expected to have a knowledge of the constituent parts of parcels. "At the same time," continued Sir John, "I do not recommend the officers to proceed to test the goods in the way they have adopted with these chocolates."

AUSTRALIAN HORSEMEN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable columns to express my appreciation of the article by "Australian Horseman," appearing in your issue of the 20th instant. I am with him all the way. I have known some of the best horsemen in Australia; for instance, the late H. L. Touch, of whom I wrote about in the "Sydney Mail" last year. He was my partner in a station (Queensland). His very touch was like electricity on a horse, and his seat picturesque and "unmovable." A great horseman, and a terror to bushrangers (even Morgan). On a cattle camp and on a racecourse his grave is green with grass now.

Then such men as Henry Powell, of Bungendore; Allan and Donald Gillies, champion roughriders of the Darling; Bryan M'Namara, George Rushton, Mick Mullally, Long Tom M'Nevin, one of the Masays of Gundaroo, and many others; and last, but not least, "Sydney Bob the Rider" (Bob Brewster, of Bendigo), who migrated to Queensland. I was on the coach at Boorah (South-west Queensland) at 12 o'clock at night, and he was hitching in a fresh team, the polers being two immense mules, he talking to them just as if they were young girls; he was horse-breaking there and attending to the mail stage. The driver told me afterwards that he (Bob) was the only one Cabb and Co. could get to handle the vicious mules.

All these men were first-class breakers of horses that probably had not seen a yard since they were branded; some of them "outlaws," and ten years old. These men could ride by "balance," with any sort of saddle or without. I have had trouble with men in my own station yard when they were catching their mounts to go mustering; in many cases they had no idea of going "straight" up to a horse to catch him and inspire him with confidence, which is most necessary.

I am afraid the riders have degenerated with the horses.

I am, etc.,
VINCENT G. DOWLING.
Woollahra, Nov. 21.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Would you allow me space to contradict "Australian Horseman's" statement re Australian horsemen. He is apparently trying to secure rosy billets for several of his Victorian friends. Now, just imagine Victorian men teaching New South Welshmen to ride and handle horses! Why, I will secure a hundred men within 24 hours and within 40 miles of Sydney who will make fools of his eight Victorians. I will admit that some of our Light Horse volunteers know nothing whatever about horses, but you must remember that these men have probably never been out of Sydney in their lives, and have never had an opportunity of learning to ride. I myself am willing to devote two hours daily, or one day a week, to teaching these men (free of charge), and will find first-class horsemen who are willing to do the same, the military authorities to find the horses, etc. Any man who has travelled knows that our horsemen can at least hold their own with any in the world.

I am, etc.,
AUSTRALIAN.
Nov. 21.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of November 20 someone, under the name of "Australian Horseman," criticises Australian riders, and his remarks are so obviously biassed and untrue that I have been waiting patiently for some abler pen than mine to rise up and smother him.

He claims to have travelled Australia, but his experiences are apparently limited to seeing schoolboys, dressed in military regalia, out for a holiday, or the lads of Woolloomooloo endeavouring to conquer the donkeys at some rough-riding show.

He claims that only one out of one hundred Australians connected with horses is fit and ready for the fray, should the Government blow the horn, which proves his want of knowledge. Surely he means such horsemen as the more aristocratic English immigrants one sees sometimes taking an airing in the parks. Perhaps he is one himself. Anyway, there is no need for the Government to blow the horn while he is round.

Victoria is given credit for the best six out of eight riders worth while living in this country. Everyone knows there is neither room nor horsemen in that State to give one a good idea of the capabilities of the true Australian rough-rider.

These eight, who are so superior that they cannot find scope for the exercise of their abilities, are probably so absolutely inadequate that they find no possibility of getting work while there are so many naturally gifted Australians ready to teach their profession properly, and without fuss, for a moderate remuneration; the idea of trying to foist these incompetents upon the Government as experts, as has been done in other spheres, while truly socialistic, is hardly a matter of State economy.

The wayback Australian is a natural-born horseman, just as the boxer who makes a success must be a natural fighter. Unless he is, all the training in the world won't make him good.

The ludicrous attempt to heap ridicule upon the Australian horseman by depicting an imaginary scene in a stockyard again reveals the writer's ignorance, and confirms the idea that he has gained his experience at buckjumping shows. Bush children three years old would not make the blunders he suggests. Truly, it is a different thing to sit in a chair and write about such things, and to put them into action.

If Australia has to depend upon horsemanship when war arrives there will be no need to worry about the women and children, for they will be able to get out of the road of the firing line in a manner that will surprise the enemy considerably. Doubtless the best Australian horsemen would be worshipped by foreign Powers, but there are some thousands of them—not eight only.

The idea of putting our military into patent saddles, to keep them from falling off, may appeal to some; but the natural horseman does not need these adventitious aids to keep him in the saddle.

And here again this scribe shows his ignorance of his subject, most lamentable in a man who wishes to upset all orthodox ideas. Apparently the whole is a tirade upon his inability to get people to accept him at his own valuation in his selected vocation, since he admits his inability to get employment in this direction.

These, at any rate, are the opinons of an ex-horsebreaker.

I am, etc., D. SPROUSTER.

VICTORIA.

ALLEGED THEFT OF JEWELLERY.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

On September 29 last a young lady named Emily Mackay, who was travelling for Messrs. Macrow and Co., was robbed in the vicinity of the University gardens of a bag, which contained jewellery valued at £50. A week later Alexander Fullarton, 25 years of age, was arrested on a charge of having stolen the jewellery. Accused was brought before the Carlton Police Court and discharged. The police submitted the facts to the Law Department, and, notwithstanding the discharge by the magistrates, a presentment was filed by the Attorney-General. Fullarton was arrested to-day, brought before the City Court, and remanded, to appear at the Criminal Court on Friday. Another young man named Joseph Hines, who is alleged to have resided with Fullarton, was also arrested to-day on a charge of having stolen a bag of jewellery from Emily Mackay. The City Court Bench remanded him till Thursday.

TASMANIA.

PRESENTATION TO MR. NEALE.

HOBART, Tuesday.

Last night a presentation was made to Mr. Neale, ex-Director of Education, and Mrs. Neale on their leaving the State. The subscribers included many prominent people and officers in the Education Department. The presentations were made by Archbishop Delaney and Mr. Propsting, ex-Minister of Education. There was a large attendance. Subscribers to the presentations numbered 300. Speakers testified to the great service of Mr. Neale to education in this State.

The newly-appointed Director of Education in Tasmania, Mr. Rooney, of Western Australia, has asked to be relieved of the appointment, owing to the death of his wife. Under the circumstances, the Government was reluctantly compelled to grant consent. Fresh applications are to be called immediately, returnable before the end of the year. The successful applicant must be prepared to come at once.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

AGRICULTURAL RAILWAY.

PERTH, Tuesday.

The Premier (Mr. Moore) yesterday officially opened the new agricultural railway from Newcastle to Bolgart, a distance of 24 miles.

EXPORT OF RABBITS.

VICTORIA'S TRADE DECLINING.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

A meeting of those engaged in the rabbit and export trade, convened by Mr. R. Crowe (Superintendent of Exports) for the purpose of discussing the importance of placing the business on a footing that would revive the export trade, was held to-day. Mr. Crowe said that the Victorian rabbit export trade was very unsatisfactory. In 1905 10,285,888 were exported; in 1906, 9,576,932; in 1907, 6,468,756; in 1908, 4,087,898; and in 1909, 2,772,058. With a continuation of this rate of decline the export trade would soon be a thing of the past. Various causes had contributed towards this result. Victoria was the earliest State in the trade, and it was only after it had assumed enormous dimensions that New South Wales came into the running. It was soon discovered that New South Wales rabbits were heavier and better furred than the Victorian, and naturally when their standard of grading was brought up to the level of the Victorian a strong preference was given them. The average price realised for New South Wales rabbits, "large," on the London market, was 1/6 more than for Victorian; and even with that preference they came cheaper at per pound than the latter. After a long discussion it was agreed that the department should grade rabbits which came from the country, in original packages, and not touch those which had been subjected to "skimming." In other words the two trades will have to be kept distinct, and the result will be that the first grade export rabbits will in future contain their usual percentage of fat rabbits. It was also agreed that the word "prime" should be included in the brand containing the first grade, so as to prevent them being regarded as below that standard.

NEW ZEALAND POLITICS.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

A caucus of the Government party was held this morning, when it was reported that the differences between the leasehold section of the party and the Government regarding the freehold proposals in the Land Bill had been got over. It was not made clear whether the bill will be pushed forward this session. It was decided to close the session on the 22nd inst., and to meet earlier than usual next year.

UNION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

SUPERANNUATION FUND.

WELLINGTON, N.Z., Tuesday.

A superannuation scheme has been arranged for captains, officers, and engineers in the Union Company's service. The company gives a subsidy of £20,000. The age retirement for men who have been ten years or more in the company's service is fixed at 62 years.

DUTY ON DRESS GOODS.

DEPUTATION TO MINISTER.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

A deputation of between 400 and 500 young women engaged in the dress goods trade asked the Minister for Customs to increase the duty on manufactured dress goods, and that the duty on raw material for such articles be reduced, so as to prevent dumping. Sir Robert Best promised consideration, and hoped to introduce the legislation next Parliament. It is proposed to deal with the matter as an anomaly.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

CALARE.

MOLONG, Tuesday.

A ballot is now being conducted to select a candidate to oppose Mr. Thomas Brown for Calare at the coming Federal elections. The candidates are Messrs. Sydney Smith, H. R. M. Pigott, and Dugald Cameron. The papers are returnable by December 18.

BETWEEN TWO TRAINS.

ACCIDENT IN A TUNNEL.

John Hill, a wireman, employed on the railways, was caught between two trains in Redfern tunnel about 9 a.m. yesterday. He was knocked down, and sustained injuries to the head, including severe scalp wounds. The Civil Ambulance rendered first aid, and Hill was then taken to Sydney Hospital, where he was admitted by Dr. Candlish in a serious condition.

SIGNALLING TO MARS.

Mr. W. H. Pickering, who has long been a believer in the feasibility of signalling to Mars, is about to make an effort to realise his dream. Mr. Pickering, who is assistant director of the Harvard Observatory, says that the apparatus required would cost £2,000,000, and it could be completed by July, when Mars is five millions of miles nearer the earth than ever it has been before. Mr. Pickering explains: "The apparatus consists of a series of mirrors covering a quarter of a square mile, and arranged to present a single reflecting surface towards Mars. The mirrors would be all attached to a single axis, parallel to the earth's axis, and run by motors, so as to make a complete revolution every 24 hours. The Martians, by using telescopes, could discern the reflected light as a small point of light on the earth's surface. Supposing, with such signal operating, we began a series of flashes cutting off the sun's rays for the instant, then throwing on the reflection and repeating this at irregular intervals, following a telegraph code of dots and dashes, I do not doubt that if there are intelligent people on Mars the light would immediately attract their attention, and would lead eventually to an answering signal."

The new and very stringent prohibitory law which goes into effect in Kansas has revived an old story on the subject. A stranger went into a Kansas drug store and asked for some whisky. "I can't sell you any whisky," said the druggist. "But I'm sick," persisted the stranger. "That won't help any," replied the druggist. "It don't make any difference. I can't sell you any whisky for being sick." "Well, what can you sell it to me for?" asked the stranger. "The only thing we can sell whisky for in this town," said the druggist, "is for snake-bite. Hold up now. Don't ask me where to get bitten. No use. There is only one snake in town, and he is engaged for three weeks ahead."

COUNTRY NEWS.

SOUTH COAST.

BULLI, Tuesday.

At a meeting of the South Bulli colliery medical committee Dr. Edwardes was permanently appointed successor to the late Dr. A. O'Connor. The meeting also decided to recommend to the Chief Secretary that the resident doctor at Woonona be appointed Government medical officer for the district.

PAMBULA, Tuesday.

Mr. Patrick Doherty, one of the earliest pioneers of the district, died to-day, aged 78 years.

THE SCHOOLS.

TAREE, Tuesday.

The public interest in the welfare and progress of the school has very much increased during recent years. On Friday and Saturday nights a fair was held by the committee of the Parents and Citizens' Association, established in connection with the school, for the purpose of raising funds to provide equipment for science and manual training rooms now being erected at the school. There was a large attendance of the public on both evenings, and a great deal of interest was manifested in it. The total sum realised was about £60. The new residence for the headmaster is now rapidly nearing completion at the school, and the old residence will, during the Christmas vacation, be converted into science and manual training rooms.

WINGHAM, Tuesday.

The continental held in the grounds of the Superior Public school on Thursday night proved a success financially. Over £30 will be netted. This will be expended in the direction of equipping a manual training room at the school.

THE CHURCHES.

DENMAN, Tuesday.

On Sunday afternoon the distribution of prizes to the pupils of St. Matthias' Sunday-school took place in the Parish Hall. The Rev. G. M. Garbett addressed those present. At the conclusion the pupils presented Mrs. Garbett, the rector's wife, with an address and a small memento of their esteem for the good work she was carrying on.

MURWILLUMBAH, Tuesday.

After three years' ministration on the Tweed Father J. O'Reilly has been instructed to take charge of Cowper parish. Father Ahern will succeed him here, and will remain till the return of Archdeacon Dalton in February.

ALBURY, Tuesday.

A Victorian fisherman recently caught by the police patrol in the Act of fixing nets in the Murray during the close season was prosecuted to-day in the police court. He pleaded that he was only making preparation for the opening of the river. The Bench adjudged him guilty, and imposed a fine of £5.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

Mr. W. A. Gregory Lloyd, official lecturer to the Liquor Trades' Defence Union, Sydney, addressed about 1300 people at the Skating Rink last night on the liquor problem. He advocated temperance and moderation as against no license and prohibition.

GOULBURN, Tuesday.

On Monday morning Mr. E. B. Biddulph shot the first snipe of the season.

Mr. L. H. Hunt, formerly secretary of the Liedertafel, was presented by members last night with a canteen of plate containing 108 pieces of silver and a rose bowl, in recognition of his services. Each piece was stamped with the badge of the society.

MUDGEE, Tuesday.

At the Municipal Appeal Court, held in the Mudgee Courthouse, Mr. O. A. Edwards, P.M., announced that in the appeal case brought by Monsignor O'Donovan against the assessment of the town council on the property of the presbytery and convent school grounds, totalling £800, the appeal would be dismissed, and the council assessment upheld.

PORTLAND, Monday.

A successful concert was given by the pupils of the Public school in aid of the piano fund.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

Mr. Norman Fettell, who has been engaged in missionary work in New Guinea for the past three years, is at present in Wellington on furlough, and is staying with his parents.

WINGHAM, Tuesday.

At a meeting convened by Mr. G. C. Hands, of Wingham, held at Taree on Friday night, a life-saving and surf club was formed. The election of officers was conducted, Dr. Kay being elected president. It is proposed to invite the Coogee Life-saving Club to give a demonstration at the Old Bar during Christmas week. A life-line has been purchased.

Mr. Walter Wallis, who has occupied the position of secretary to the Wingham Dairy Company ever since its inception, has accepted the position of manager of a factory at Jerry's Plains, on the Hunter.

STATE PARLIAMENTS.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The second reading of the Factories and Shops Act Amendment Bill was agreed to by the Legislative Assembly to-day. The Premier said the bill embodied no new principles, but in certain directions enlarged the scope and powers placed in the hands of the wages boards. In section 7 it was proposed to give power to appoint wages boards for a number of trades, including installation of electrical fittings, undertakers, firemen, boiler attendants and engine-drivers, livery stables, watchmakers, lift attendants, and runners. Another clause prevented employees under the age of 18 years from working at dangerous machinery. It was proposed that the special boards should fix the number or proportion of apprentices to be employed, and that would remove a great deal of existing dissatisfaction.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

During the discussion of the Estimates in the Assembly to-night on the vote for a bureau of central mills, several members urged the desirableness of establishing additional central mills. Mr. Philp said that while three years ago Australia was supplying her own sugar market, she imported 5000 tons last year, and 70,000 tons would have to be imported this year. If the Government started now to erect mills it would be some years before they could overtake the consumption. Cane could be grown by white labour so long as a good bonus was paid. He urged the erection of three new mills at Ayr, Johnstone River, and Russell River. Mr. White said that if the railway policy were proceeded with there would not be labour to take the sugar crop off next year.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

The Premier, referring to the Northern Territory Transfer Acceptance Bill, in the Legislative Assembly to-night, stated he had communicated with the Prime Minister, expressing the deep regret of the Government at the bill not passing, and urging him even at this late stage to do all he could to reverse the amendment, which had been carried.

The two Houses met in conference to-day to consider the amendments of the Legislative Council, striking out the revetment mound in connection with the proposed outer harbour works, and reducing the additional wharfage from 700 to 200 feet, but the conference was unable to come to an agreement. Unless the Council gives way, which is not at all likely, the bill will be dropped.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Tuesday.

In the Assembly to-day the Loan Bill of £1,342,000 was read the second time. The bill provides £613,000 for railway construction, £89,500 for harbours and rivers, £89,000 for water supply and sewerage, £66,500 for mineral development, and £200,000 for agricultural development. The loan estimates were introduced by the Treasurer:—£1,693,899, providing railways; £852,978, agricultural development; £202,000, water and sewerage; £174,000, harbours and rivers; £9600, mineral development.

The Legislative Council adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late member, Mr. R. F. Sholl.

SAM WELLER RELIC.

Christ Church Hall, Spitalfields, where a bazaar was held recently in connection with Spitalfields Parish Church, is the hall in which Sam Weller and his venerable parent witnessed the remarkable meeting of the "Committee of the Brick-lane Branch of the United Grand Junction Ebenezer Temperance Association." It was at this meeting that the tea-drinking propensities of the "Brick-lane Branch brothers and sisters" alarmed the elder Weller, who declared that he saw a young 'ooman "a-swellin' wisibly before my werry eyes." Subsequently, on the popular arrival of "the Reverend Mr. Stiggins," the elder Weller had a "small settlement" with that gentleman. The celebrated hall is decorated with pictures illustrating scenes in Dickens' works. The building also possesses historical associations, as it was the first Huguenot chapel built by Royal consent in 1688.

OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The discussion on the Education Estimates discloses the fact that only one member of the House, Mr. J. P. Lynch, is seized of the importance of paying a living wage to teachers. This is the more remarkable when we remember that members of Parliament consider £300 a year, plus railway and tramway fares, quite a small enough remuneration for their own services. I think so, too. They should not be expected to take much interest in their work at a lower remuneration. The reason is obvious. With a smaller salary they could not support wives and families in anything like the style their position demands, and without comfort or freedom from debt no man can do his best. Then what of the hundreds of teachers who are in charge of schools, and are in receipt of less than £100 a year? The man in the street may say he is not worrying about the teachers' comfort so long as enough of them can be found to do the work. That is just the point. Any amount of men and women can be found capable of passing the miserable entrance examination; but will they do the work of their office? Can a grown man, at a salary of £86 or £90 a year, be expected to take that interest which is essential for proper work? And it must be remembered that the children of the State, the State's most precious asset, are the sufferers. It is not a question of loss of material or loss of time, which could be made good by enforcing overtime, or by putting on another man in the delinquent's place. All educationists will admit that without interest in his work a teacher is inflicting irreparable harm on his unfortunate pupils.

And to go even farther: is the classified teacher, with a family of, say, six children, and in receipt of £11 or £13 a month (there are hundreds such), sufficiently safeguarded from the tragic struggle against debt to be in the position of being able to devote all his energies to his arduous work?

Let us understand that nowadays the teacher must be a man of some culture. He has to obtain the literature necessary for culture, and to keep abreast of the world of letters. Such a one will find an abundance of odd jobs in coaching, accountancy, and music that will earn him a much greater increase in his income than will close attention to his work, or passing departmental examinations which bring him a beggarly increase of £6 a year.

It may be of interest to mention my own case. I am in charge of a school, hold a 3A certificate, have a wife and more children than I can count on the fingers of one hand (it would be perhaps unwise to give too many particulars), and I receive £13 a month. If I study Latin, French, education, English literature and grammar, model drawing and perspective, freehand, brushwork, history, geography, music, algebra, geometry, arithmetic, hygiene, chemistry, botany, physics, agriculture, physiology (any two of those sciences), and pass an examination (class II.) in them of about the standard of third year of the University course, I will receive an increase of 10s a month in my present position, and may hope for a better school, carrying another £2 10s a month, within four or five years! But my children cannot feed on expectations, nor can I clothe my wife fittingly on hopes. I must have money. The result is I have done a good deal of work for private people, and have earned in that way £36 since last Christmas. I admit with regret that the children attending my school have been the losers. I have not been able to pay that attention to my legitimate work which is essential; and I find as time goes on I feel less and less interest in it. I regard my work with no enthusiasm, though I am intensely interested in education. How different my work, and how much greater my influence for good on my pupils, had I a salary sufficient for the common necessities of my household! And who will say I am dishonest? The Under-Secretary, with his £900 a year and no drudgery! The Chief Inspector, with his £800 a year and no drudgery? Any of the administrative officers, with screws that place them above considering whether little Tommy can have a chop for breakfast once a week, or whether the wife can afford a maid while she is ill? It is no use to tell me I ought to resign. I cannot risk being even a month out of work. I shall probably continue neglecting my work to earn the wherewithal to pay my bills.

It is a great pity that while Mr. Lynch is mumbling about £110 as a minimum salary for teachers, Mr. Levy, who seems to be the only member of Parliament at all conversant with education, does not think it worth his while to demand of Parliament such remuneration (say £200 a year minimum) for teachers as will attract educated and able men, and give them, when employed, that modicum of comfort which would enable them to devote their whole energies to their work.

I am, etc.,
MAGISTER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your able leaders during the past two weeks on education generally make me hope you will find room for a few matters which I commend to the notice of the Teachers' Association, the public, and those responsible for them. (1) Probationary students after doing two years' study in a district school with no salary, except 5s weekly in the second year, enter the Training College, remain there two years without salary, and after passing an examination equal in difficulty to that required for a B.A. degree almost, are then sent adrift, often with no classification, and generally a very poor one, to face the world on £96 a year. It is just an outrage, and deserves the condemnation you visited it with a few days ago.

(2) We can only secure the best results of our excellent system by having a large number of first-class men, yet the percentage in this class is deplorably low, and called for comment in the Assembly about three weeks ago. The "efficiency mark" is responsible for this in a great part. This is a mark given by the chief inspector, founded on a perusal of inspectors' reports. There are four or five thousand reports to peruse, and I say distinctly it is physically impossible for the chief to read them and do his work. Even if he could do so, this absurdity remains. The local inspector is the only man who can accurately gauge a teacher's fitness for promotion, and he is paid £400 a year to do this. It appears that some inspectors give a high and others a low mark to the same teacher, and the chief inspector gets over the difficulty by a beautiful process he calls "harmonising." But why should we suffer for inefficiency of inspectors? The chief evidently keeps a mental note of the optimistic and pessimistic inspectors, and says that he "harmonises" their reports. But does anyone believe that there is one class of inspector who consistently depreciates and another class who exaggerates a teacher's efficiency; and is there no middle class who has the correct focus of things? Are we to accept as gospel that the chief is such a perfect man that he has the mental peculiarities of every inspector summed up, so that he can add to or subtract from their reports?

There should be a board to assess teachers' efficiency. No one man in this world can possibly fix accurately the capabilities of teachers scattered over an area three times the size of the British Islands. A first-class teacher to gain full salary must obtain 61 as an efficiency mark. According to the C.I., if the pessimistic inspector awarded a teacher 59, and the optimistic 63, the result would be about the same. The C.I. would then proceed to "harmonise." I hope this will be the last we shall hear of "efficiency marks" given on the "harmony" principle. The efficiency of the whole system of education depends on the efficiency of the teachers, and only a board with nothing else to do can possibly cope with the task of giving a teacher his status. Even then there should be an appeal. At present there seems to be none.

I propose to expose later on the years of delay—yes, actually years—which occur sometimes between the passing of an examination and its confirmation. I think the low percentage of first-class teachers in the service shows only too clearly how promotion is retarded. I hope an abler pen will expose the matter.

I am, etc., JUSTICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Some short time ago I wrote substantiating your remarks concerning the distribution of the £60,000. Mr. Hogue's replies to questions in the House yesterday tend to lead your readers to believe that our remarks on the same are without foundation. Mr. Hogue stated, "That hardly any of the higher-paid teachers got any of the £60,000, and in making such a statement he is misleading both the House and the public. I quote my case again (and there are scores more similar to it). I was receiving £182 per annum, and had to pay my own rent out of this. My then headmaster was receiving £350 a year, as well as rent allowance. I received £12 a year out of it, and my headmaster got £24 a year. These figures prove without a doubt that the higher-paid teachers did get some of the £60,000, and the most of it, too. As far as dissatisfaction goes, there is any amount of it among the lower-grade married male assistants. Their salaries are just as one of the members stated, "a starvation wage." The single assistant can manage on the salary, but the married male assistant in the lower grade only exists on it. If the salaries cannot be raised, give these assistants a little help in the form of a rent allowance, according to classification, and give the married man a chance to bring his family up in a fairly respectable manner.

I am, etc., EXISTING ASSISTANT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It seems to me that members of Parliament in advocating a higher salary for beginners in small schools do not recognise where the pinch of salary is felt most at the present time. In my opinion the youth who begins with £84 or £96 a year gets a very fair start. His mental equipment for the position is not supposed to be very high, he has but himself to keep, and if he has chosen his proper calling he can easily get off the mark in a few years. When I started in a small school, some years ago now, I received £60 a year, and the department of that day liberally kept 4 per cent. off this towards superannuation, so I had £57 12s to keep me for the year. Things have improved for the small school teacher since that time. The man getting £96 a year now is comparatively speaking rolling in wealth.

There is not an unmarried man in the service to-day who cannot keep himself liberally on his salary and save money, too. If he cannot do so it is high time he retrenched in some part of his outlay. But take the 3A married assistant. He pays at least £30 a year rent, pays insurance, probably meets a few doctor's bills, and then has to keep himself and at least two or three more on £144 a year. Life for this man is a mere existence. How he can be all that a teacher is supposed under these conditions is passing strange. The 2B man is nearly as badly off; and, mark you, these men are assistants because they want to become better teachers. While this state of things exists these men are trying to take subjects at the Technical College or some other place, thus adding to their outlay. I grant that the department has a difficult task to find money to meet the rapidly growing demands of education. But if monetary help is to be given where most needed, then married assistants on the 3A and 2B grades are the men entitled to it. An allowance is made to teachers' wives in a certain class of small school to compensate for the small salary the teacher receives. Some allowance as rent to assistants on the above grades is even more necessary. Some may say that a 3A teacher should not marry. A man may be 12 or 15 years in the service, and still be only 3A, and perhaps 18 or 20 years and yet only 2B, through no fault of his own.

I am, etc., JUDEX.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The passing of the Estimates, together with your comprehensive sub-leader of the 3rd inst., have certainly directed the minds of many thinking people towards the profession of teaching, which is likely to remain in the kitchen stage of the fairy tale, while other professional people live decently, as long as Mr. Hogue can evade a serious question by giving an illogical reason for paying the lower grades of teachers miserably. In his words: "It is necessary to pay teachers in the lowest grades £84 a year, because those at the top are paid as much as the State can afford; there must be a gap between the highest and the lowest," etc.

The further discussion of that matter I will leave to greater sufferers than myself, since I may be told that my husband is "passing rich on £144 a year," out of which I have to shelter, clothe, educate, and feed my family.

Is it necessary to say that I do not drive myself mad by trying to save, nor am I seen attending entertainments of an educational (musical, etc) or diverting character?

Apropos of the above, the award of the skill mark may be considered. Who awards it? Is a question of much speculation and grave interest. If it is awarded by the Chief Inspector or Under-Secretary then we have the anomaly of a person deciding upon the value of hundreds of teachers whom he has never seen, and the prospects of whose promotion he has the power of seriously affecting.

If the local inspector, guided by the advice of the principal of the school, awards it, whence comes the delay of receiving it and the discrepancy of two teachers with the same classification by attainments, but with very different methods of teaching, receiving the same mark, although locally their work is recognised to be widely different? The writer of the column devoted to education some time ago mentioned that our Government was considering the establishment of secondary and continuation schools, and that as more money would be needed for the work the position would be watched with interest by the teachers in primary schools, as their salaries would be thereby affected. It would be indeed interesting to know why the salaries of existing teachers should be lessened even for such a laudable purpose.

The same writer said that America and Germany were giving the establishment of secondary and continuation schools consideration. If I may be pardoned for the slight correction, I should like to mention that secondary and continuation schools were attended in Germany at least over 40 years ago. The present firm position of Germany, looked at from the standpoint of half a century ago, may awaken in some of us the idea of the great possibilities of our own well-loved land when we shall have the best system of education—an army of workers who feel that their efforts are adequately recognised. I agree that much has been accomplished since our Commissioners returned, but I dwell upon the facts of the matter of salary since public attention is centred upon the voting of the Estimates, and since the department saw fit to hand back some few thousands of the £60,000 granted two years ago. Is it possible for the grant to be too large for the improvement of our educational system?

I am, etc., CASANIERE.

WATER FOR THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—A report has just been published here of an interview with Sir J. Forrest, which reveals such looseness in dealing with important details of public business as must be startling to newspaper readers in the eastern States when they become aware of the true inwardness of the particular matter said to have been dealt with in the interview.

Commenting on the engineers' report on the estimate of cost of the interstate railway Sir J. Forrest is reported as asserting that some three-quarters of a million may be saved out of the estimated four millions by extending the goldfields water supply pipe-line from Kalgoorlie eastward as far as may be necessary. He is said to have indulged in sanguine talk of "a river of fresh water" to be poured over the parched route of the proposed railway, regardless of the circumstance that the pipe-line through which the water is to be forced is altogether unequal to the work suggested for it. One of the most depressing things in this State at present is that the great water scheme is a total failure financially, involving a loss of somewhere about £2000 per week; but that is not the worst. From the outset the idea was to put down a line of pipes of the cheapest kind compatible with a life of 20 years, in which time the whole cost was to be redeemed by profits over and above working expenses. The profits are not visible yet; but what is obvious is the haunting fear that the pipes may not last out even the 20 years! Corrosion is and has been going on to such an extent that at this early stage, not half way through the estimated "life" of the line, there are grave fears of a possible collapse, in spite of heavy outlay in replacing dangerously worn pipes at the worst spots. To suggest that such a flimsy concern could stand for any length of time the increased strain of a huge "railway, farm, and stock" supply is the merest nonsense. Naturally there is not much disposition to talk about it very loudly; but it is a fact that men in responsible positions here seriously contemplate the contingency of the cheap, flimsy steel pipes having to be replaced by castiron pipes of the usual kind, the cost of which would, of course, be enormous.

If the railway were a matter of private enterprise, and company promoters propounded a scheme of water supply based on tapping a reservoir at or near Kalgoorlie, and ignoring the certain obligation to spend sooner or later several millions in renewing the pumping line, the whole prospectus would promptly be classified as belonging to the natural genus of the wild cat! Does it make any material difference that the precious scheme is proposed or suggested as a matter of public policy?

I am, etc., RUGEM PUMP.
York, W.A., Oct. 25.

"CIRCUS POLITICIANS."

A COUNCILLOR'S COMPLAINT.

PERTH, Tuesday.

At a meeting of the Fremantle Municipal Council Councillor Healy moved—"That as citizens of this part of the Commonwealth, we deeply deplore the low tone of the debates and the conduct of business generally in the House of Representatives recently. We earnestly appeal to honourable members that the Chamber set an example compatible with the intelligence of the Australian people." He said that members seemed to regard themselves as part of a circus instead of members of the national Parliament of Australia. He thought that the council would be acting within its rights in censuring and bringing them to their senses. Other councillors agreed with Councillor Healy in deprecating the recent scenes in Parliament; but thought the matter outside the province of the council, and the motion was lost by two votes.

SERIOUS BURNING ACCIDENT.

BEGA, Tuesday.

A serious burning accident occurred at Brogo on Saturday night at the residence of Mrs. Blanchard, sen. Her daughter, Miss Lil Blanchard, was retiring at 9.30 p.m., when a candle ignited some clothing, and quickly spread to other articles. Unfortunately the lady has long been suffering from a bad leg. The bandages around it became alight, and burned the limb terribly. Miss Kathleen Blanchard managed to extinguish the flames before further damage resulted. Dr. Howle, of Bega, was telephoned for. He arrived per motor at midnight, and attended the sufferer, who is out of danger.

SHIRE COUNCILS.

BOREE (Canowindra).—At the last meeting of the Boree Shire Council the president reported that the credit balance was £1474. The outstanding rates amounted to £87. The proposal in reference to the construction of a bridge over the Belubula River at Cherry Tree Falls was again before the council, and it was decided to defer the matter for three months, pending the decision in reference to the new shire for Canowindra district.

CROOKWELL.—Mr. Jones, chief engineer to the Local Government Board, arrived at Crookwell on Tuesday last from Goulburn, and made an exhaustive inspection of the roads with a view to the reclamation of the shire.

NATTAI (Bowral).—A letter was received from the Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture, referring to council's complaint regarding the spread of rabbits on the catchment area of the Sydney water supply, and stating that the Water and Sewerage Board had decided to engage two gangs of men for the purpose of trapping rabbits on the area in question. Councillor Emmett said the number of men proposed to be engaged would be quite inadequate to cope with the pest, in fact, it would take ten times as many to deal with it effectively. On the motion of Councillors Emmett and Kirkland, it was decided to write to the Water and Sewerage Board complaining of the inadequacy of the number of rabbiters proposed to be engaged on the catchment area, and suggesting that the number be increased. The council resolved, on the motion of Councillors Emmett and Kirkland, to write and ask the Minister for Lands to give favourable consideration to applicants for original conditional purchases in connection with the 40,000 acres of Crown lands to be thrown open in the Wanganderry and Bulleo districts, as by this means new population would be attracted, by which the district would benefit; and also pointing out that the bulk of the land was available for additional holdings only, and that the settlers now in the locality had already secured sufficient for living areas.

PATRICK PLAINS (Singleton).—At a meeting of the council a telegram was received from Councillor F. Ellis asking the council to accept his resignation. The resignation was accepted with regret. The saleyards committee reported that the general fund was in credit £1235 on November 30, and there was due from the Government the second half-year's endowment, amounting to £376 8s 4d.

WARADGERY.—At the last meeting the bank account was £838 in credit; the amount of all rates outstanding was £16, mostly by unknown owners. The president reported that he had interviewed the Minister in Sydney, and again requested him to make the Booligal to Hay road a national work, on the ground that it was the main artery from the Western Division to the State railway system, and was used almost wholly by landholders in the Western Division. The Minister refused to make the road a national work, but promised to give consideration to any application for a grant towards the upkeep of the road under the circumstances. The president's application for a grant of £31 for the Maude Ferry was granted, that being the sum required to reimburse the council for the expenditure they had incurred in making the ferry free. It was decided to thank the sub-inspector of police for his efforts in preventing offences against the Careless Use of Fire Act. The council refused to co-operate in a movement to abolish P.P. boards, but agreed to assist in an agitation to vest in shire councils the sole control of roads and the erection of fencing and gates thereon. Permission was given to the inspector of schools to lay water from the Lachlan River to the Public school at Booligal.

SUBURBAN NEWS.

LIVERPOOL COUNCIL CASE.

When the Lord Mayor's appeal on behalf of the aldermen of Liverpool Council, who were recently charged with the costs of a successful municipal case, came before the Hurstville Council for consideration, the case was met with a resolution by Alderman Ley, asking for an immediate amendment of the Act, to enable aldermen to recoup themselves out of the general fund in such cases.

POWERS OF COUNCILS.

THE DEPARTMENT CRITICISED.

A communication from the Public Works Department, read at last meeting of the Hurstville Council, stated that, in consequence of the high fees imposed by some councils in respect of licenses for the erection of inflammable buildings, etc., the department had determined to amend the ordinances. Alderman Ley moved that the communication be referred to a special committee for consideration, and said that this was another attempt to curtail the powers conferred upon councils by the Act. No one who had watched the progress of local government since 1906 could fail to have been impressed by the fact that the authority given to councils by the original Act had been gradually but surely whittled away by the amending Acts, ordinances, and regulations. Possibly foolish mistakes on the part of some councils had caused the department to appropriate powers properly exercisable by councils, but that was no reason why all councils should be interfered with. If councils had made mistakes, so had the department. Moreover, aldermen were elected on a broad franchise, and ratepayers, if dissatisfied, could alter the personnel of councils; but the department was a fixed entity, against which ratepayers had no remedy, no matter how foolishly, harshly, or unreasonably they might exercise their authority. Until the local governing bodies woke up, and insisted on having local instead of central government, they must content themselves with the shadow of authority whilst the department enjoyed the substance.

CLOSING A CEMETERY.

Action is being taken by the Kogarah Council to close the cemetery adjoining St. Paul's Church, which is almost in the heart of Kogarah.

SCHEME FOR A PARK.

Years ago Bexley Council received a Ministerial promise of a recreation area, but it has only remained a promise. Eventually the department offered a £ for £ grant. Later the Government made the following offer:—"The department is prepared to consider a proposal (if made) for the council to pay its share of the cost of the proposed park by annual instalments extending over a few years, together with interest at 4 per cent. on the outstanding balance." The proposed area is known as Preddy's paddock. The council have a petition from residents in another portion of the municipality to acquire a second park area. The question of a referendum regarding a special rate for the purpose is being considered.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

A communication has been received by the Premier from M. V. Bruel, Consul-General for France, stating that the Minister of Finance in Paris has asked him to intimate that the third International Congress of Physiotherapy will be held in Paris from March 29 to April 2, 1910, under the patronage of the French Government. The previous congress was held in Rome in 1907. The French authorities desired that the matter be brought under the notice of universities, faculties, schools, and societies concerned, who are asked to send delegates to this assembly. Copies of the letter have been forwarded by the Premier to the New South Wales branch of the British Medical Association and the Registrar of the Sydney University.

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HANDSOME 4ft [illegible] Bedroom Suite, great bargain, £10 [illegible] Burwood Tel., [illegible]

FOR Sale, [illegible] Bedstead, Wire Mattress, [illegible]

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FOR SALE, large showcase, mirror at back, sliding doors and shelves. [illegible] Beckett, Woolloomooloo.

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GUN, D.B. B.L., [illegible] London, Damask barrels, [illegible] choke, £6. [illegible] Strand.

PLEDGED, Dia., [illegible] Ring, for 30s; sell ticket 17s 6d. Bargain, Widow, Herald.

SEWING MACHINE, [illegible] Hand Machine, [illegible] new, do any work, [illegible] bargain. Allen, Herald.

SALE, Counters, Scales, [illegible] Furniture, Stoves, equal new. W. [illegible], 107 Liverpool-st.

FOR Sale, Box Frames, Sashes, 4 Kauri Lining, [illegible] 6 O'Connell-st, city.

COUNTER Cases, Centre Cases, Glass Show Counters, best make [illegible] 452 Oxford-st, Padd'ton.

FOR Sale, 3 Sets of Platform Scales, from 4 to 8 cwt. J. Pike, 50 [illegible] Erskineville.

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MEETINGS.

(Continued from Page 4.)

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA, 284, meets To-night, 8 o'c., I.O.O.F. Temple. Visitors invited. L. Smith, W.M.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A good volume of business was effected on 'Change yesterday at irregular rates. Commercial Bank of Australia shares rose 3/. Howard Smith, ordinary, eased /6, Allen Taylor and Co. /6, Burns, Philp, /3, and Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co. rose /3, other sales being at late rates.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., 57/3; Allen Taylor and Co., 28/; Burns, Philp, and Co., paid, 43/6; Commercial Bank of Australia, ord., 13/; Bank of New South Wales, £51; Howard Smith Company, 44/6. Afternoon: Sargent's, Ltd., 30/6; Marcus Clark and Co., pref., £10/10/; "Daily Telegraph" Newspaper, £67; Mort's Dock, ord., 22/; A.J.S. Bank, B deposits, 11/3.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. Per Annum.	Price. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	†Yield to Investor.
STOCKS.							
N.S.W., F.S. due 1925	..	..	3	82½	82½	84½	3½
Do., due 1912	..	..	4	100½	..	98½	3½
Do., due 1924-5	..	..	3	90½	90½	..	3½
Do., due 1915	..	..	3½	96½	96	..	3⅞
Do., due 1921	..	..	3½	96½	96	..	3½
Do., due 1922	..	..	3½	98½	95½	96	3½
Do., Act, 1873	..	..	4	106	..	..	3½
Do., Debentures	..	..	4	..	101	104½	3½
Do. T. Bls., 1911	..	..	3½	99½	98	..	3½
Ditto, 1910	..	..	4	100	100	..	4
N.Z. Deb., 1918	..	..	4	100	99½	101	4
Ditto, 1921	..	..	4	101	..	102	3½
Q. Deb., 1913	..	..	4	100½	..	101	3½
Ditto, T. Bills	..	..	4	100½	100	..	3½
W. A. Inscr.	..	..	3½	..	..	..	3½
Ditto	..	..	4	100	99½	..	3½
Aus. Gas D., '22	..	..	4	102	100	..	3½
City Syd. Deb.	..	..	4	102	101	..	3½
Col. Sugar D., '14	..	..	5	106	104	..	4½
BANKS.							
Australasia	40	40	14	112½	..	114	4½
Bank of N. Q.	7	2	5	40/	40/	41/	5
City of Sydney	8	8	3	82/6	80/	..	5
Ditto, new	10	8	3	78/6	76/	..	6½
Com. of Aus.	10/	10/	..	13/	..	13/3	..
Ditto, pref.	10	10	3	5/14/8	4¾	6	5½
Com. of Sydney	25	12½	10	30½	30½	..	4
Bk. of Aus., ord	8	5	6	5/16/	5/12/6	5/16/	5½
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	..	12	..	..
N.S.W.	20	20	10	51	50½	51½	..
New Zealand	6⅔	3⅓	12½	9/3/	9⅛	10⅛	4½
Q'land National	3	3/	..	17/9	17/9	..	4
Royal of Q.	9	6½	4½	5/3/	..	5/4/	5½
Union	75	25	14	67½	66½	67¾	5¼
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank—							
Class B.	..	..	3	11/3	11/3	11/6	5½
Class B., 1917	..	..	3	12/	11/3	..	5
Class B., 1922	..	..	3	13/	11/3	..	4½
Ditto, Inscr.	..	..	3½	12/	11/3	11/6	5½
Com. of Aus. Assets	..	..	3	17/9	17/6	..	3½
E. S. and A. Inscr., pref.	..	..	3	12/6	12/6	12/9	4½
Ditto, Def.	..	..	4½	18/	17/10½	..	5
Ditto, Deb.	..	..	4	17/9	18/	..	4½
Q'land National	..	..	3½	16/10	17/	..	4½
STEAM.							
Adelaide S'ship	1	1	10	38/7½	35/	38/6	5½
Bal. S. Ferry	1	1	10	32/9	31/	32/6	6
H. Smith, ord.	1	1	15	44/6	44/	45/	6½
Ditto, pref.	1	1	5	21/3	20/6	..	4½
Illawarra	1	15/	7	19/6	16/6	17/6	5½
Newcastle	1	1	8	23/9	21/	23/9	5½
North Coast	1	17/6	8	27/	27/	..	5½
Port Jackson	1	15/	10	40/	46/6	46/6	3
Sydney Ferries	1	1	12½	74/6	72/6	74/6	3½
Union of N.Z.	1	1	8	34/	33/6	34/6	4½
INSURANCE.							
A. M. Fire	1	15/	14	45/6	45/	..	4½
Col. Mutual	1	1	21	66/	..	68/6	6½
Mer. Mutual	1	6/	10½	17/6	16/6	17/6	5½
New Zealand	10	2	10	78/	..	78/6	5½
Queensland	1	10/	8	18/3	18/	..	4½
United	10	2½	12½	5½	5½	5¾	5¾
GAS.							
Albury	1	12/6	10	21/3	20/	..	5¼
Australian	6	6	15	19½	18½	19½	4½
Do., new issue	6	3	15	12½	12¼	12¾	3½
Charters Towers	10/	10/	10	14/9	..	10/	6½
Goulburn	1	1	15	53/6	59/	..	5½
Grafton	1	1	8	32/	31/	..	5
Kat. Leura	1	1	7½	23/	22/	..	6½
Maitland	5	5	8	8½	8	..	4½
Manly	1	1	9½	45/	45/	49/	4½
Ditto, new	1	17/6	9½	40/	..	47/	6¼
Mudgee	1	1	9	25/	22/	24/6	5¼
Newcastle	2	2	15	7	6	7½	4½
North Shore	1	1	8	42/	40/	..	3¾
New issue	1	5	..	23/6	23/	..	..
South Brisbane	10/	10/	10	..	21/	..	..
Ditto, pref.	10/	7/	10	..	..	..	..
BREWERIES.							
C. and W. Bros.	1	1	4	10/3	10/	10/6	7½
Perkins'	15/	15/	20	38/6	38/6	..	7½
Toohey's	16/	16/	5	15/3	15/	15/9	4½
Tooth's	1	1	10	42/6	42/	..	4½
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Aerated Ex. Htl.	15/	11/	5	5/6	5/4	6/	10
A. Taylor, Co.	1	1	10	28/	27/	..	7
Aus. Int. Mills	1	1	7	..	26/	..	..
Aus. Newspaper	1	1	..	7/3	..	7/6	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	5	10/	..	16/	10
B.H.W. Supply	15/	15/	10	17/	17/9	..	8½
Brooks, W.	1	1	7	..	..	20/3	..
Burns, Philp	1	1	10	43/6	43/	43/6	4½
Ditto, 10/ paid	1	10/	10	25/3	25/	..	3½
Col. Sugar	20	20	10	47½	47	47¾	4¼
Dalgety, Co.	20	5	8	6	..	6¼	6¼
Dunlop R. pref.	1	1	8	29/	..	31/	6¼
Ditto, ord.	1	1	9	19/3½	..	20/3	9
Emu B. Rail	1	1	..	4/10½	3/	..	..
Emu P.G. R.M.	1	10	11	21/	21/	28/	..
E. Rich, Co.	1	1	5	13/6	13/	14/6	7½
G., Mort, Co.	1	1	..	57/3	57/	..	..
Goodlet, Smith	15/	15/	8	19/	19/3	19/6	6¼
E. Jones, Dew-hst	1	1	8	28/	27/3	..	5½
Ditto, contg.	1	10/	8	14/	13/6	14/3	5½
Hotel Metropole	1	1	7	28/3	26/6	27/6	6
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	21/6	22/6	..	..
H. Mackenzie	1	1	..	19/3	..	21/	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	21/6	..	21/	..
M. Clark, Co.	1	1	8	25/	24/	25/	6¼
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	10½	10½	10¾	5½
Melb. Trams	1	10/	20	39/1½	..	42/	5¼
Mont de Piete	1	1	10	40/	40/	41/	5
Mort's Dock	1	1	6	22/	21/11	22/	5½
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	23/	23/	..	5¼
N. S. W. F.F.I.	12/	10	6	11/7½	11/7½	11/10½	5
Paul and Gray	1	1	10	24/6	..	24/6	8¼
Pedrian, A.	1	1	10	30/	30/	..	6¼
Ditto, B.	1	1	10	..	30/	31/	..
Perm. Trust	5	2/6	10	5/	..	5/	5
Perp. Trust	10	5/	10	12/	11/6	12/3	4½
Pitt, Son, Badgery	1	12/	10	22/	21/	..	5¼
Q. Meat Ex.	1	1	3	..	24/	..	..
R. H. Gordon	1	1	10	..	24/	..	..
S. and Wrench	1	1	5	15/	15/3	..	6¼
Sargents, Ltd.	1	1	10	30/6	30/3	30/6	..
Silv. Tramst	1	1	40	97/	95/	96/6	8¼
Sim. Waygood	1	1	10	27/	25/6	27/6	7¼
Ditto, contg.	1	10	10	15/9	14/	15/6	6¼
Syd. Cyclorama	1	1	5	15/6	16/3	16/	6¼
Sydney Exch.	10	10	6	12/8/	12¼	..	4½
Syd. Hydraulic	1	1	10	22/6	21/	23/	8½
Ditto, contg.	1	10/	10	11/4	11/3	11/6	8½
S. Ry. and G.E.	1	15/	11½	25/6	25/	27/	6¼
W. H. Soul	1	1	15	52/6	52/	53/	5½
Wright, Heaton	2½	2½	10	62/6	60/	..	8
Wunderlich	1	1	8	..	22/	24/6	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	7	23/3	22/9	23/6	6
LAND and BD.							
Haymarket	..	..	..	..	22/	..	..
Indus. Prov.	20	20	6	18	..	19	6¼
Interc. Inv.	1	15/	12½	22/6	21/	..	5½
Newcastle Bldg.	1	1	7½	23/	23/	..	6¼
S. Aus. L.M.	7	1	5	..	10/	..	..
COAL.							
Abermain	1	18/6	15	21/3	21/	22/6	6¾
Bellambi	1	1	17½	46/	46/3	48/	7¼
Caledonia	10	10	10	12½	11	..	8
East Greta	1	1	10	26/9	26/	27/	7½
Heddon Greta	1	1	..	5/	..	5/6	..
Hetton	5	5	6	68/	70/	74/	8¼
Metrop., 1 pref.	1	1	8	21/6	21/	..	7½
Ditto, 2 pref.	1	1	5	12/	12/	..	8¼
Ditto, Trust	..	..	..	/6	..	1/6	..
Mt. Kembla	10	10	18	25½	23	..	7
Newcastle	11	10	5	7¼	..	7½	7
North Bulli	1	1	10	24/	16/	24/	8¼
Seaham	1	1	6	..	..	25/	..
South Greta	10/	10/	..	12/6	12/6	..	..
Vale of Clwydd	1	1	10	35/	25/	..	5½
Wallsend	10	10	20	27½	26½	27¼	7¼
Waratah	6	..	..	..	1/6	..	..
W. and B. Is.	1	1	..	12/	11/9	..	..
Ditto, new	1	18/	..	10/	9/6	11/	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	..	26/6	30/	..	..

†Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. *Plus annual payments of 16/3 per cent. ‡Ex dividend.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

Sales:—South Australian 3 per cent., £81/7/6.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

To-day's sales were:—Queensland Trustee, 7/4½.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Commercial Bank, 13/; ditto, pref., £5/17/; Union Bank, £67/10/; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., 56/6, 56/9; Metropolitan Gas, £11; Emu Bay Railway, 2/10; Melbourne Tramway, 41/3, 41/6; Amalgamated Zinc, 20/, 20/3; Howard Smith, 45/; ditto, pref., 21/.

FINANCIAL.

TRADE REVIVAL.

With trade in Australia paralysed other countries are increasing in prosperity, and so have the wherewithal to pay good prices for our produce were we only in a position to deal with them. The figures published by the Board of Trade relating to the trade accounts of various countries during the first seven months of this year are more satisfactory than has been the case with previous returns this year. Only the United Kingdom, British India, Egypt, Spain, and Japan show diminutions in imports as compared with the corresponding period in 1908, and only the United Kingdom, the United States, and Spain have smaller accounts in domestic exports than last year. The United Kingdom's imports are given as £398,030,000, as against £390,447,000 in 1908, and £321,814,000 in 1907; exports, 1909, £212,422,000. In four cases comparisons are given for eight months, and these figures show a remarkable revival during August. In the first eight months of 1907 the United Kingdom's imports represented £363,534,000; in 1908 they fell to £335,356,000; and now they have risen to £339,403,000. Belgium's imports to the end of August totalled £89,982,000; France, £155,896,000; and the United States, £297,180,000—in each case a considerable advance on last year's figures, but less than in 1907. In exports the United Kingdom and the United States returned slightly smaller totals than last year, but Belgium and France again have increases. The United Kingdom's figures for this year are £244,536,000, as against £254,042,000 last year, and £284,125,000 in 1907. The exports from Belgium were valued at £65,809,000; France, £140,760,000; and the United States, £286,132,000.

TAXES THE LORDS REJECTED.

That the Lords do not care for the Budget is not altogether to be wondered at, for many of them are wealthy, and wealth has been grievously attacked in the Finance Bill. Taking death duties alone the following table has been compiled showing the old rate and the proposed rate, as it applied to estates of different values:—

Principal value of estate exceeds.	Rate of duty Under Finance Act, 1894 and 1907. Per cent.	Rate of Duty Under Finance Bill, 1909. Per cent.
£		
100	1	1
500	2	2
1,000	3	3
5,000	3	4
10,000	4	5
20,000	4	6
25,000	4.5	6
40,000	4.5	7
50,000	5	7
70,000	5	8
75,000	5.5	8
100,000	6	9
150,000	7	10
200,000	7	11
250,000	8	11
400,000	8	12
500,000	9	12
600,000	9	13
750,000	10	13
800,000	10	14
1,000,000	10	15

And 1 per cent. for each additional £500,000 up to a maximum of 15 per cent.

So much for estates of the dead. The incomes of the living were by no means allowed to pass scathless. The bill imposed a general income-tax for the year at the rate of 1s 2d. An additional super-tax is charged on incomes exceeding £5000 from all sources at the rate of 6d for every pound, by which those incomes exceed £3000, and £3000 of all incomes is thus free from super-tax. The super-tax results in the following graduation:—

£		s	d	
5,000	pays	1	4½	in the pound.
6,000	pays	1	5	" " "
9,000	pays	1	6	" " "
18,000	pays	1	7	" " "

SYDNEY BANK CLEARINGS.

The clearings of the Sydney banks for the week ended December 6 totalled £5,814,941, against £5,494,012 for the corresponding week last year. The following comparison may be made of the totals to nearest dates of the years here enumerated:—

January 1 to December 12, 1904 ...... £162,878,571
January 1 to December 11, 1905 172,903,336
January 1 to December 10, 1906 199,320,927
January 1 to December 9, 1907 220,190,490
January 1 to December 7, 1908 211,277,453
January 1 to December 6, 1909 220,332,621

There has thus been an increase to date of £9,055,168. The clearings of the Melbourne banks from January 1 to November 29 totalled £213,973,447, an increase of £15,622,335 as against last year.

STATE'S WOOL EXPORTS.

The following return has been compiled by the Customs authorities showing the exports of wool from the State for the first five months of the current season, in comparison with those of the corresponding portion of last season:—

—	Seasons. 1908-1909. Bales.	1909-1910. Bales.
By sea—		
From Sydney and Newcastle to United Kingdom and foreign ports	377,844	343,538
Ditto, to Victoria	8,588	11,596
Ditto, to other States	88	306
Total by sea	386,520	355,440
Borderwise—		
To Victoria	98,946	127,543
To South Australia	22,803	27,403
To Queensland	—	4,068
Total borderwise	121,749	159,124
Total exported from the State	508,269	514,564
Less imported from Queensland, etc.	52,615	40,131
Net export of New South Wales produce	455,654	474,433

There has thus been an increase up to date this season, despite the strike, of 18,779 bales.

GOLD SHIPMENTS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Gold shipments to-day by the Mongolia consisted of £800 for Bombay by a private shipper.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

At yesterday's wool auction 9739 bales were offered and 12,084 bales, inclusive of 2611 bales disposed of privately.

The tendency of the market was in sellers' favour. Fine wools were in special request.

Bankers state that they have, so far, experienced no set back in business owing to the strike.

That this is generally so is evidenced by the fact that the bank clearings exhibited an increase last week compared with those of the corresponding period last year.

Imports of gold into the State last month are returned by the Customs-house as of the value of £226,916.

Exports during the same period totalled £323,776, so there was a net export of close on £100,000.

COMMERCIAL.

THE MARKETS.

The only line displaying much activity yesterday was cornsacks, which were in strong demand both from the country and the other States. Spot business was done at 6/1½ and 6/2, but the general quotation closed rather firmly at 6/3. The trend was towards higher values for stocks immediately available. Sales were also made ex the Satara at 6/, while the Gracchus shipment for late arrival was quoted at 5/10½. Old standards sold at 7/9, and were subsequently quoted at 7/10½. Branbags were dull and weak, and woolpacks on a nominal market. Chemicals, oils, and metals were all very quiet, with little alteration of price levels. Wheat actually on spot could command a premium, but there was little to be had. For ordinary season's delivery the price was only carried beyond shippers' limits by the local millers. In the general produce markets chaff was a little better owing to the lighter arrivals; otherwise the market was quiet.

FLOUR IN CHINA.

American Consul-General Charles Denby, writing from Sanghai, China, says:—"In 1907 there were imported into China from all countries about 300,000 tons of flour, of which about 165,000 came from America. Since 1907 the import of American flour has steadily decreased, until now it has almost ceased. The use of flour upon a large scale as the food of Chinese depends upon its price as compared with rice. With rice cheaper than flour for the same food value, the Chinese prefer rice. It is, therefore, motives of economy and not preference for flour that lead to its use. This rice competition has not only affected imported flour, but controls the price of the native flour as well. The price of American flour in this market recently would be about 1.16dol. gold per bag, whereas the market price of Shanghai-made flour has fallen to 85c. and 88c. per bag. In view of the cheapness of flour at Shanghai and the favourable prospect of the wheat crop, it would seem reasonable for the Chinese to consider shipments to foreign markets. It is known that Chinese flour of good quality could be delivered at Vladivostock and in the Philippine Islands at lower prices than are now paid there for the Siberian and Australian flour.

EXPORT TRADE IN DRIED FRUITS.

The London representatives of the Australian Dried Fruit Association are very pessimistic as to the possibility of Australia exporting dried fruits at a profit. The association was formed in order to regulate prices and to procure a better market for dried fruits produced in Australia, and, says a report by the Agent-General, Mr. T. A. Coghlan, should New South Wales growers produce dried fruits to any extent, the association hope they will join their body; but it is, of course, a matter of opinion whether it would be desirable to do so. The report says:—"Australia imports large supplies of dried fruits, and offers, therefore, a home market for considerable quantities of locally-produced fruits. The most promising fruits for export to Great Britain are almonds, plums, apricots, apples, peaches, and raisins, and if the quality of these be equal to those received from elsewhere, they will find a ready sale."

TONGAN COPRA CROP.

NUKUALOFA, Nov. 30.

Present indications point to an exceptionally heavy copra output this year (writes our Tongan correspondent), and there is a likelihood of the figures reading 15,000 tons. As our tradespeople have such beaming faces nowadays, the conclusion is that trade is brisk with them. The official returns this year will make good reading, the Customs returns so far being much in excess of the estimate.

BREADSTUFFS.

For wheat, ex trucks Sydney, millers were offering up to 4/2, and even 4/3; but for stocks still in the country there was little disposition to go beyond 3/11, although in some centres the local millers were giving an extra penny.

Old flour was in fair demand at £11. The new season's quotation rested at £9/10/.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 485 tons of wheat and 16 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

ARRIVALS BY RAIL.

Wheat and Flour.—The receipts of wheat and flour by rail at Darling Harbour and other metropolitan stations for the week ended December 7, beginning the new 1909-10 season, compare with those of the previous week and the corresponding week of last year as follows:—

	Wheat. Tons.	Flour. Tons.
Week ended December 7	3,319	215
A week previous	1,157	275
A year ago	2,504	267

Comparison of Prices.—The mean prices now ruling for wheat and its products compare with those of a year ago as follows:—

	Two years ago.	Last year.	Yesterday.
Wheat, per bus.	£0 4 4½	£0 4 3	£0 4 0
*Flour, per ton	11 5 0	9 7 6	11 0 0
*Bran, per ton	6 0 10	5 0 0	4 10 0
*Pollard, per ton	6 5 0	6 0 0	5 0 0

* In the case of flour, the price given is the mean convention price, and with bran and pollard it is the association price.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

TEA.

At auction, Mr. Claud Gant, under instructions from Messrs. Claude Healey and Co., offered a catalogue of 342 packages of Ceylons and 356 packages of Indians, and cleared the lot at prices ranging up to 1/ for Ceylons and /8¾ for Indians. The prices were in buyers' favour.

JUTE.

Jute: New standard cornsacks, spot and ex Obra, 6/1½ to 6/3; ex Satara, 6/; ex Gracchus, 5/10½; old standards, 7/9.

Branbags: 3/9½, spot; 3/5¼ to 3/6 to arrive.

Woolpacks: 2/2, spot.

EASTERN PRODUCE.

Rice: Best Japan, £22 to £22/5/ per ton; locally dressed, £18 to £20 per ton, in 56lb bags.

Sago: £13 per ton in parcels, 13/6 per cwt in small lots.

Tapioca: Medium pearl, £13/15/ to £14 per ton in parcels; 14/6 per cwt in small lots.

Pearl barley: £13/15/ to £14 in parcels; 14/ per cwt, 14/3 in 56lb bags.

Split peas: £19 per ton in sacks; £19/5/ in half-cwt bags in wholesale parcels; distributing lots 5/ more.

Seeds: Canary £18 per ton, in parcel; 19/ per cwt in small lots. Hemp, 21/ in parcels. Rape, 23/ per cwt. Linseed, 22/ per cwt for crushed and 20/6 for whole; ton lots, £18. Mixed birdseed, 20/ per cwt.

Spices: Cloves, 1/ per lb; nutmegs, /9 in case lots, /10 to 1/ smaller quantities; mace, 2/ per lb; pimento, /8¾ to /9 per lb; caraway seeds, /9 per lb. Pure white pepper, /11 per lb; mixed, /7; pure black, /9½ per lb; mixed, /6. Stick cinnamon, 1/3 per lb. Mixed spice, loose 10, for packets 1/. Nutmegs, case lots /8¾ to /9½, small lots /11 to 1/1.

Oatmeals: 7lb bags, £18/10/ per ton; flaked, 7lb bags, £19/10/; 2lb packets, 5/ per doz; rolled oats, 7lb bags, £20 to £[illegible] per ton, according to brand.

Whole bleached ginger, in 10lb packets, /8¾ per lb; ground ginger, loose /8½, in tins /9½; preserved, /7½ to /8 in 10lb packets.

CHEMICALS.

Rosin: "G" grade, £11 in parcels, £11/5/ small lots; "N" grade, £14 to £14/2/6 on spot.

Cream of tartar: 5 per cent., /7¾ to /8; 99 per cent., /9.

Citric acids: 1/4 in parcels.

Tartaric crystals: /10¼; powdered, /10½.

Bluestone: Macclesfield, parcels, £23.

Sodas: Bicarbonate (Brunner Mond), £7/10/ in 3's, £8 in 1's, in parcels; caustic, Muspratt's, in parcels £12 spot; Greenbank's, in parcels, £14 5/; silicate soda, liquid, £6/10/ for parcels, lump £8 parcels; soda ash, £7 to £7/5/.

Borax: Powder, £19/16/; crystals, £18/10/, in parcels, in 1cwt kegs, 2cwt kegs 10/ less.

Flowers of sulphur: Parcels, £7/15/.

Carbide: Standard descriptions, £13.

OILS.

Kerosene (per gallon): Snowflake, ex store, Sydney, /10¾ per gallon; ditto, ex store, Newcastle, /10¼ per gallon; engine kerosene, /7¾ and /8¾ per gallon.

Motor car spirit: 1/6 4-gallon tins, 1/8 2-gallon tins.

Benzine: 1/4 per gallon; gasoline, 2/5.

Linseed oil (per gallon): First brands, spot, in distributing lots, raw 3/11, double-boiled 4/1; second brands, raw 3/8 to 3/9, boiled 3/10 to 3/11; local, 3/5 in casks, 3/7 in drums. First brands, to near arrival, in parcels, 3/9¾ raw, 3/11½ double-boiled, a month later 3/11 and 4/1, second brands 3/10 and 4/.

Turpentine (per gallon): Pratt's, 3/11 to 4/; Pinetree, 3/8 to 3/10.

Mineral turpentine: 1/4 per gallon.

Olive: Imported, pure, 11/; compounded, 8/6, duty paid.

Castor: Spot, 3/ in cases, 3/1 in drums.

China: Pure, 4/8; denaturated (under Customs supervision), 2/9 (in 4's), and 2/11 (in 1's).

Cottonseed: Shanghai, 5/; American, winter drawn, 5/3 to 5/6; denaturated, 3/ (in 4's), 3/2 (in 1's and 2's); Morrison burning oil, gallon tins, 3/.

Rapeseed: No. 1, 3/3; refined, 3/6. Colza: Recognised brands, 4/ to 4/6, in gallon tins.

Japanese fish: No. 1 Yokohama herring, 1/6; ordinary fish, 1/5 net; No. 1 herring to arrive, £16/10/ per ton c.i.f.e.

Whale: 1/9 to 2/ per gallon, according to description.

Cod: Japanese, 1/9 net; Norwegian, 2/2; Newfoundland, 2/1.

Creosote: Pure, 2/ per gallon in casks, 2/3 in drums.

Whitelead: First brands, in cwts, £29/10/ per ton; in quarters, £30/5/ to £30/10/; second brands, £1 less.

Redlead: First brands, £27 to £28; second brands, £1 less (in cwts); second brands, £26/10/; quarters, 15/ more.

Zinc, white: Dry, Australian £26 to £27/10/, according to parcel; English, £32 to £34; ground in oil, Australian £38 per ton; imported £44 to £46.

Neatsfoot: Pure, 2/6 cask, 2/9 to 3/ drum; compound, 2/ to 2/3.

Stockholm tar: Local, 5/3 in drums; load lots, small quantities, 3/9; local, 40-gallon casks, 38/; imported, 32-gallon casks, 38/; 40-gallon casks, 45/.

Fly-blown sheep oil: Australian, 2/6 net, for distributing lots.

Rosin oil: £20.

METALS.

Fencing wires:—

Black German, ex store, No. 8 £8/10/, No. 10 £8/17/6; American, No. 8 £8/15/, No. 10 £9/2/6.

Galvanised: German, No. 6 £11, No. 8 £10, No. 10 £10/5/, No. 12 £11/15/; American, No. 8 £10/7/6, No. 10 £10/12/6.

Barbed: Australian, 12-gauge, £14/10/, 14-gauge £16, special 12-gauge, £16/15/, 14-gauge, £18/5/; German, £14/5/ and £15/15/; American, Iowa, No. 12 £14/15/; No. 14 £16/7/6; in cwt coils, ½-cwt coils, 5/ more; long-distance English, £17/7/6 and £18/15/ for 12 and 14 gauge respectively.

G. C. iron: First brands £17/17/6, second brands £17/7/6, third brands £17, in 8ft lengths; in 9ft lengths 15/ more; 10ft lengths, 30/ more than 8ft; American descriptions to arrive, £16/15/; unbranded, on spot, £16, up to 8ft lengths.

Plain g. iron: 24, 26, and 28 gauge, first brands £17/2/6, £18/7/6, and £19/2/6; 10/ less for second brands.

Bar iron: £10/15/ in ton lots; shoeing iron, £11/15/; shoeing steel, 12/ to 12/6 per cwt.

Steelplates: £12/10/ per ton.

Hoop iron: Galvanised £16 per ton, black £11 per ton.

Wire nettings: 42 x 1½ x 17, Australia, A grade £29/17/6, B £26/17/6; English, A £27/7/6 to £28/10/; B £26; German, best heavy £28 to £28/10/, B £26; 42 x 1¼ x 18, Australian, £21/17/6; English, A £21/10/; German, £21/10/ to £21/15/; 36 x 1½ x 18, Australian, £19/15/; English, A grade £21, B £17/15/ to £18; German, A £21, B £18; 30 x 1½ x 18, Australian £16, English and German £15/15/.

Sheet lead: £17/15/ in full rolls; sheet zinc, £29 to £29/10/.

Piping: English makes—Black 76¼ off list; galvanised, 68¾; steam, 65.

Guttering and downpiping: 40 to 45 per cent. off list.

Wire nails: List for ton lots, 5 per cent. on list small lots.

Galvanised roofing screws: 48/ per cwt.

Tinplates: I.C. Coke, 20 x 14, 14/9 to 15/ spot, 28 x 20, 29/6; I.C. charcoal, 18/.

Plaster: King's Windsor, spot, 17/ to 18/.

Rabbit traps: Griffiths', 10/, in tank lots, 10/3 to 10/6 broken stock; Sidebotham's, 5/6.

Sheep shears: Standard brands, 34/6.

Cartridges: 12-g C.F., 72/6; 22 calibre R.F., black powder, 12/3 short, 14/9 long; smokeless, 14/3 to 16/8.

Cement: Imported, 14/ to 15/; large parcels at a concession.

Hay forks: 3-prongs, strapped and riveted, 5ft 22/, 5½ft 24/, 6ft 26/, 6½ft 28/9, 7ft 30/; scythe blades, 36in, 36/.

Explosives: Dynamite, 43/6; gelignite, 41/; gelatine dynamite, 50/6; blasting gelatine, 55/6 per case of 50lb; ordinary blasting powder, /6¼ per lb; fuse, first brands, double-tape, /8¼ per coil, in cases of 300 coils; second brands, /6 per coil.

Iron tanks: 400 gall., 75/ to 80/.

The amount of wool manifested to arrive at Darling Harbour yesterday totalled 230 bales.

THE EGG MARKET.

At present this market is somewhat disorganised. The last couple of shipments of eggs from the northern rivers have arrived in a very bad condition. It was estimated that an average of about five dozen to the case have turned out bad, ranging from one dozen to 10 dozen a case rotten. The recent hot weather, together with the delay in shipping were attributed to have brought about this state of affairs. The fact that there is very little likelihood of consignments from this quarter improving is having a serious effect on this class of eggs. The irregularity in the running of the north coast boats will prevent the usual fresh supplies from arriving. Large consignments of Adelaide eggs have lately been offering on this market. They have had to be sacrificed at very low prices. This also has tended to pull values of case eggs down.

With so many poor quality eggs offering on the market, grocers have had to purchase with caution. They have restricted their operations to the best suburban new-laid, and in order to assure their freshness they have been content to pay a little extra. The result of this has been that there is a big margin between the top prices of suburban new-laid and best northern rivers—a difference of as much as /5 to /6 existing. Eggs from the inland railway towns, and also from the south coast are meeting cautious buyers. Operators are inclined to neglect those that have come from distant towns, preferring box lots of close railways. The market, therefore, shows a good deal of unsteadiness.

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

SILVER.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Bar silver is quoted to-day 1s 11 11-16d per ounce standard.

WHEAT AFLOAT.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The shipments of wheat afloat for the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe to-day, a week ago, and a year ago, compare:—

	A year ago. Qrs.	A week ago. Qrs.	To-day. Qrs.
For United Kingdom	2,404,000	2,120,000	2,030,000
For Continent	1,170,000	1,800,000	1,505,000
	3,574,000	3,920,000	3,535,000

AMERICAN WHEAT SHIPMENTS.

The wheat and flour shipped from the Atlantic coast of America during the past week aggregated 246,000 quarters, against 353,000 quarters last week, and 308,000 quarters a year ago. The week's Pacific coast shipments aggregated 75,000 quarters, as compared with 40,000 quarters last week and 40,000 quarters a year ago.

BREADSTUFFS EXPORT TO EUROPE.

The total quantity of wheat and flour exported to Europe during the week from all the exporting countries was equivalent in wheat to 1,250,000 quarters, as compared with 1,485,000 quarters a week ago, and 835,000 quarters last year. Of the total Argentina and Uruguay contributed 13,000 quarters, nothing last week, and 23,000 quarters last year.

METALS.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

Yesterday's closing quotations were:—

Copper, spot, b £59/3/9, s £59/8/9 (16/3 higher); three months, b £60/6/3, s £60/11/3 (16/3 higher). Electrolytic, £61 (5/ higher).

Tin, spot, b £144, s £144/10/ (15/ higher); three months, b £144/15/, s £145/5/ (12/6 higher).

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

There is a weak tone in the wheat market to-day, and buyers are not offering more than 3/11½ to 4/ at the outside for farmers' lots. No parcels are reported to be changing hands. Flour is dull, and worth about £9. Sales in bran and pollard are slow. Butter moved up slightly to-day, and tops brought /10½ to /11. Eggs, on the other hand, with the eastern States not operating, eased to /7. Cornsacks are in large supply, and sales have been made at 6/. Old Victorian potatoes stocks are almost exhausted.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Old wheat was steady at 4/6. New wheat sold from 3/11 to 3/11½, according to time of delivery. Old flour was reduced to £10/5/. Bran sold at £4/12/6, and pollard at £5/15/. Algerian oats were steady. Good milling sold at 1/10½; good feed, 1/9½; medium to fair feed, 1/7 to 1/9; new Algerian sold from 1/8½ to 1/9. Maize was weak at 3/4 to 3/4½; small lots to 3/5. A small business was done at 3/4 to 3/5. Fair maize fetched 3/3. Chaff was steady with light supplies. Good new northern wheaten sold at 60/. Old wheaten was almost nominal at 52/6 to 65/. Old oaten was worth 50/ to 60/. Hay was in small supply and firm, there being good demand. Manger hay sold from 80/ to 90/, old sheaves 50/ to 60/, new sheaves 40/ to 47/6. Victorian straw sold from 35/ to 37/6. Potatoes were dull. Old sold from 20/ to 30/; new Warrnambool Pinkeye, £5 to £5/5/; new Brighton, £5/10/ to £6. Butter was unchanged. Choice western sold at /11, other prime /10¼ to /10½, few special /10¾. Eggs were firmer at /8½ to /10¼.

Business in tea includes 300 packages Indian, up to /11; 220 packages Ceylon up to /11, partly for export; and fair sales of Java on spot and to arrive. Fair business was done in Mildura lexias. Cornsacks were active, the market closing at 6/7½ to 6/9, ex Satara; and 5/9 to arrive per Gracchus. Branbags sold at 3/8 on spot. Cement was in good demand at 12/6.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

Another large consignment of potatoes from the Hunter River was marketed. About 1100 bags were unloaded. There was not a satisfactory demand for them, principally because the incoming Clarence River shipment was expected to be large, and would considerably enhance the fairly substantial stocks already on hand. Merchants are advising growers to lighten their shipments, as they expect that by doing so better prices will eventually be obtained. They point out that there is no inspection fee to pay for incoming consignments, as only the orders that are being despatched to clean districts are now being examined. Hunter River potatoes are not examined by Government inspectors on their arrival. Only 600 bags of Geelong chaff came to market. This was one of the reasons why the market had a better tone. Lighter deliveries were auctioned at Redfern, and the fact that further curtailment in goods trains is likely, buyers competed with more spirit, and better clearances were effected than of late. Maize was weaker. River grain sold on a basis of 4/2 to 4/3. Tumut maize at rail was passed in at 4/2. This was a key to the present position of the market. The usual weekly onion shipment was light, consisting of 123 bags of brownskins, and 200 bags of Globes. There was not much of a demand for them, however, as retailers were particular in their purchasing, and sought mainly after the prime qualities. The Globe varieties improved 10/, but the brownskins were unchanged.

Current quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Maize.—Local: Prime yellow, 4/2 to 4/3; prime white, nominal to 4/3. South Africa: 4/ to 4/2. Victorian: 4/2 per bushel.

Barley.—Victorian: Cape, 2/9 to 2/10, choice 3/ per bushel.

Peas.—Tasmanian: Blue, 6/6 to 7/; grey, 6/ to 6/3 per bushel.

Oats.—Tasmanian: White, 2/6. Algerian: Milling, 1/11 to 2/, feed 1/9 to 1/10 per bushel.

Bran.—Association price, £4/10/; pollard, £5 per ton.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—South Australian: £4 to £4/10/. Victorian: Wheaten, £4 to £4/5/; oaten, £3/10/ (new season), £3/15/. Tasmanian: £3 to £3/10/ per ton.

Oaten Hay.—Victorian: £3/10/ to £3/12/6 per ton.

Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian and Victorian: Wheaten, £3 to £3/2/6; oaten, £2/10/ to £2/12/6 per ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Choice £3, brown sweated, £2/5/ to £2/10/, inferior from £2 per ton.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: £5 to £5/10/. Victorian £4/10/ to £5. Northern rivers: £6 per ton.

Onions.—Victorian: Globe, £6/10/; brownskins, £4/10/ per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

The egg market still displayed irregularity. New-laid were still coming to hand only in small quantities, and therefore the fair demand which existed for them had the effect of forcing their values up a little. On the other hand, case eggs were dull and neglected. They were arriving in poor condition, and on this account grocers refused to purchase them. The butter market was unsteady. A few outside orders were put through at 96/, but most agents were selling at the reduced price of 92/. Bacon and cheese did not show much animation.

Current quotations were:—

Butter.—First grade 92/, good seconds 84/ to 90/, inferior 60/ to 70/ per cwt.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf /6 to /6½, good /5¼ to /6, soft new /5 to /6, prime large /5¾ to /6½; special brands, /7 to /7½ per lb.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders, /6; bulk, /5 to /5½; special brands, bulk /6; in 1lb prints, /6¾ per lb.

Bacon.—Prime factory, sides /8½ to /8¾; flitches, /7 to /7½; middles, /9¼ to /10; special sides, /9¾; flitches, /8 to /8¾; middles, /10 to /10½ per lb.

Hams.—Bacon hams, 1/ to 1/1; special double cloths, 1/2 to 1/3½, single 1/2¼ to 1/2½ per lb.

Eggs.—Northern river, /7 to /7½, few choice /8; southern and railway, /8 to /8½, choice /9; suburban, new-laid, /11 to 1/, few choice graded 1/1; duck eggs, new-laid, /9 to /10, choice /11 per doz.

Messrs. Mossman and Ellis report having obtained the following prices at their auction sale on Tuesday, December 7:—Eggs, case /5 to /9½, new laid /11 to /12½, choice suburban /13, ducks to /11½ per dozen; fowls, young roosters 3/6 to 6/9, choice to 7/6, small from 2/9, fat hens 3/3 to 3/9, choice to 4/6; ducks, English 3/6 to 4/3, no choice to hand, muscovy 4/ to 5/3, choice 6/3; drakes, muscovy, extra choice to 10/3; turkeys, hens, medium to 7/9, no choice to hand; cocks, medium to 16/6, no choice to hand; geese, to 8/6; guineafowls, to 6/; pigeons, to 1/9. The short supplies to hand met with good demand. New-laid eggs were again firmer.

POULTRY.

Birds showing quality had a ready sale, but poor conditioned birds were rather slow in moving off.

The following prices were realised:—

Old hens, choice 3/6, good 2/6 to 3/; roosters, choice 5/ to 5/6, good 3/6 to 4/; chickens, large 3/, good 1/ to 2/; grillers, 1/ to 2/; mixed coops, 3/3 to 4/; English ducks, 3/ to 3/6; geese, choice 8/ to 8/6, good 5/ to 6/; Muscovy ducks, 3/6 to 4/; drakes, 3/9 to 4/3; turkey gobblers, choice 20/, good 12/ to 18/, light 9/ to 10/; turkey hens, choice 7/ to 9/, good 6/ to 7/; guineafowls, 4/ to 5/; pigeons, 1/3 to 1/6 per pair.

APIARY PRODUCTS.

Honey met a fair demand at late rates. Wax was still quiet.

Current quotations were:—

Honey.—Western, 60lb tins, choice /3¼ to /3½, good /2½ to /3; northern river, /2 to /3; rough and candied, /2 to /2¼ per lb.

Beeswax.—Prime clear, 1/1 to 1/3; dark, 1/ per lb.

FIREWOOD.

There were 35 truckloads of firewood at auction, and the lighter supplies were readily cleared at higher prices in many instances.

The following prices were realised:—

Best boxwood, 15/ to 16/, good 13/ to 14/; bakers' wood, 15/, good 13/ to 14/; ironbark and stringy, 10/ to 13/3 per ton.

AUCTION SALES.

REDFERN RAILWAY MARKET.

The market at auction showed very little change from the previous day's sale. Chaff was afforded good competition, and quality being good, that commodity still realised good prices. Choice wheaten realised from 4/ to 4/3, prime 3/6 to 3/9, medium to good 3/ to 3/4, while oaten sold at from 2/11 to 3/5. Lucerne hay was plentiful, and sold at from 2/11 to 3/9. Wheat, of prime chick quality, went off well at from 3/11 to 4/0½, while prime Algerian oats sold readily at from 1/8½ to 1/10; barley and maize were unsaleable, the latter being passed in at 4/2. Potatoes were considerably dearer, new tubers selling at 7/2, while the sale of onions was entirely neglected.

The sale was composed of chaff 47 trucks, lucerne hay 20, wheat 3, oats 2, barley 1, maize 1, potatoes 1.

The following sales were effected:—

Chaff.—From Smith, Forbes, (14380) p 3/8; Brophy, Daroolbalgie, (13011) p 3/6, (4174) p 3/7, (1635) 2/9, (9183) 3/7, (14116) 3/7; Robinson, Grong Grong, (4450) no offer; Lucas, Coolamon, (3424) 4/2, (756) 4/2; ex Berrigan, (3013) 4/1, (662) p 4/, (x273) p 4/, (1888) p 4/; Denoon, Coolamon, (911) 4/; Gowland, Coolamon, (14214) 4/, (9808) 4/, (12075) 4/, (2052) 4/; C. and McD., Coolamon, (14434) p 3/9; Jones, Mogongong, (5316) 3/10, (1068) p 3/9, (2208) p 3/9, (12062) 3/9; Logan, Matong, (253) 4/3; M'Grath, Dowam, (12664) 4/; Kelly Bros., Ganmain, (2551) 4/, (8394) 4/, (2904) p 3/11, (6658) no offer, (2783) 3/9; J. Kelly, Ganmain, (15158) 4/; ex Ganmain, (4952) 3/11; Waddell, Honeysuckle Point, (13199) 3/1; Commins, Wagga, (6075) p 2/6; Hurst, Bomen, (9450) p 3/7; Harsh, Bomen, (6962) 4/; Milligan, Narromine, (3704) 3/11; Pyle, Berrigan, (9106) 4/2, (2342) 4/2, (1199) 4/2; M'Donald, Trangie, (11112) 3/9; Ceeley, Coolamon, (13146) p 3/10 per cwt.

Lucerne Hay.—From Edwards, Tamworth, (9616) 3/6; W. White, Tamworth, (5652) p 2/9; Goatold, Tamworth, (11270) p 2/9, (15406) 2/10; Hall Bros., Aberdeen, (12722) p 3/8, brown 2/6; Fulljames and Klepsig, (3686) 3/3; ex Rockdale, (14679) 2/11; Newman and Connors, Tamworth, (1266.) 3/; Daveran, Branxton, (4294) 3/4; Paine, Mudgee, (11689) 3/7; Laidlaw, Moonbi, (13963) 3/2; A. Laidlaw, Moonbi, (5083) 3/2, (11674) p 3/; L. M'Kinnon, Moonbi, (15125) 3/4; W. West, Nemingha, (913) 2/11; J. Sage, Moonbi, (11059) 3/3; Prince, Tamworth, (15330) p 3/6, (15383) 3/9; Bradshaw, Tamworth, (9585) 3/5; Chaffey, Moonbi, (2948) 2/11 per cwt.

Wheat.—From North-west Mills, Gunnedah, (4227) 3/11; ex Darling Harbour, (11002) 4/; Sherwood, Narromine, (3371) 4/0½ per bus, part sold.

Oats.—Beveridge, Junee, (7454) 1/8½; Connell, Lockhart, (1414) 1/10 per bus.

Barley.—Ex Darling Harbour, (923) p 2/8 per bus.

Maize.—Ex Tumut, (5814) p 4/2 per bus.

Potatoes.—Ex Clyde, (7968) 7/4 per cwt.

FRUIT MARKETS.

There were larger supplies of summer fruit marketed, which had the effect of easing values. This was most noticeable in small apricots, and most varieties of Briggs' peaches. The cheaper prices asked for Queensland pineapples caused them to move off much better.

Current quotations were:—

Apples.—Local: Allsops, choice 3/ to 3/6 per half-case, medium 4/ to 4/6 per gin-case. American: Jonathans, 17/ to 18/; Winesaps, 16/ to 18/; Ben Davis, 16/6; Baldwins, 16/; Snows, 16/6 to 17/; Rome Beauties, 16/ to 18/; other sorts, 15/ to 16/ per bushel-case.

Apricots.—Choice 6/ to 7/, medium 3/ to 4/ per half-case, 3/6 to 4/ per gin-case.

Bananas.—G.M., 14/6 to 15/ per case, 4/6 to 9/6 per bunch. Fiji: 13/6 to 14/ per case, 3/6 to 7/6 per bunch, loose 7/6 to 8/ per case.

Cherries.—Local: Choice 7/, good 4/ to 5/, small 2/6 to 3/6 per quarter-case. Victorian: Choice 6/, good 4/ to 5/, small 3/ to 3/6 per quarter-case.

Gooseberries.—Tasmanian: Choice 5/ to 6/. South Australian: 4/ to 4/6 per half-bushel case. Locals, 3/ to 4/ per quarter-case.

Lemons.—Local: Choice 7/ to 8/, medium 4/ to 5/ per gin-case, small and rough 1/6 to 2/6. Italian: 13/ to 14/ per half-case.

Mandarins.—Local: Emperor, choice 8/ to 9/, medium 5/ to 6/, small 1/ to 2/ per gin-case.

Oranges.—Local: Choice 10/ to 12/, medium 5/ to 7/, small 2/6 to 3/6 per gin-case. Valencias, choice 10/ to 12/, medium 6/ to 7/; Jaffa oranges (Jerusalem), 16/ per case of 180. Navel: Choice 16/ to 18/, medium 8/ to 10/ per gin-case.

Nuts.—Cocoanuts, 10/ to 10/6 per bag, 1/9 to 2/6 per dozen; peanuts, /5¾; walnuts, /8 to /8½; almonds, /9½; Lychee, /11½; Barcelonas, /8; Poplar, /9 per lb.

Plums.—Local: Cherry plums, choice coloured 3/ to 3/6 per half-case, medium 3/6 to 4/ per gin-case; Evans, 2/6 to 3/6 per half-case; Tibbetts, 3/ to 3/6 per gin-case.

Pears.—American: W.N., 5/ to 6/ per half-case.

Peaches.—China: Choice 4/ to 4/6, medium 2/ to 3/ per half-case, small 2/6 to 3/ per gin-case; Briggs', choice 6/ to 7/, medium 3/ to 4/ per half-case, small 2/6 to 3/6 per gin-case.

Rockmelons.—Queensland: 4/ to 6/ per double-case.

Strawberries.—Local: Choice 17/ to 18/, medium 10/ to 12/, small 4/ to 6/ per dozen quart punnets.

Pineapples.—Queensland: Common and Ripleys, choice 7/ to 8/6, good 5/ to 6/, small 3/ to 4/; Queens, choice 9/ to 10/, good 6/ to 8/ per case.

Tomatoes.—Local: Choice 5/ to 6/, medium 3/ to 3/6 per half-case. Queensland: 5/, small 2/ to 3/ per quarter-case.

PE[illegible] WAN, WRIGHT, and CO., Ltd.—Grain and Produce Agents, Auc. Sales daily at Redfern.—Advt.

Insist on having NESTLE'S MILK. It is the richest in cream.—Advt.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

The following truckings have been ordered for the forthcoming sales:—December 9, 306 sheep vans and 148 cattle waggons; December 13, 187 sheep vans and 104 cattle waggons.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

The following is a return of produce received at Sydney, Clyde, Homebush, Burwood, Ashfield, Petersham, and Newtown, per rail, for the week ended December 7, together with the total to date for the year, and for the corresponding period of last year:—

	Week ended Tuesday.	Total to date. 1909.	1908.
Butter, kegs	6	173	339
Butter, cases	2,098	78,110	52,733
Cheese, cases	214	9,088	11,191
Eggs, cases	527	21,852	11,293
Bacon, bags	8	239	410
Bacon, sides	175	8,692	12,644
Hay, trucks	70	3,462	3,932
Straw, trucks	—	220	552
Chaff, trucks	277	9,187	4,421
Oats, tons	136	2,015	1,423
Barley, tons	41	414	256
Maize, tons	7	1,631	5,383
Meal, tons	—	106	383
Potatoes, tons	134	15,035	6,606
Bran, tons	29	1,730	1,817
Pollard, tons	30	1,440	1,458

CITY YARDS.

There were 500 pigs yarded at the corporation yards, being made up of all descriptions, with porkers in evidence. The offerings proved within requirements, and values showed a marked improvement on late rates. Baconers were moderately represented, and for these bidding was fairly active, with slightly firmer values. Backfatters met a brighter demand.

The following prices were realised:—

Best backfatters, £4/10/, good £3/15/ to £4/5/, medium £3 to £3/10/, inferior from 52/; best baconers, 58/ to 65/, good 50/ to 57/, medium 45/ to 50/, prime light 40/ to 45/, light and inferior from 35/; best porkers, 30/ to 35/, good 27/ to 28/, prime light 22/ to 25/6, light and inferior from 15/.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The general tone of the market for fat sheep to-day was firmer. In good and prime crossbred wethers early sales were active, with a hardening tendency, while later in the day several pens of extra prime weighty sorts realised decidedly improved rates. For good serviceable light-weight merinos competition was steady at slightly advanced rates. Best crossbred ewes were scarce. The market, however, was overcrowded with middling and inferior old ewes, principally merinos, and in this division biddings were exceedingly irregular, and no improvement in value was noticeable. Quotations: Prime crossbred wethers from 10/9 to 12/, extra from 12/6 to 14/3, good from 9/6 to 10/6, second from 8/9; prime crossbred ewes from 9/ to 10/6, good 7/9 to 8/9, second and inferior culled for age from 5/9 upwards; best merino wethers from 9/3 to 11/, good from 8/6 to 9/3, second and inferior from 6/, with old merino ewes from 1/6 to 5/9, a few good quality to 7/6.

Fat Lambs.—For extra prime pens, too heavy for local trade requirements, the demand was unsteady, and prices were weaker. There was, however, good competition for all other grades at prices a shade in advance of Tuesday's rates. Best lambs, in the wool, sold from 9/ to 10/, extra to 11/9, best shorn lambs from 7/6 to 8/, extra from 8/3 to 8/9, a few to 10/6, others from 5/.

WOOL SALES.

SYDNEY.

Wool sales were held yesterday at the Sydney Wool Exchange, Bridge-street, when the quantity catalogued totalled 9739 bales, and the sales, including private transactions, amounted to 12,084 bales, as under:—

Broker.	Offerings.	Sales. At auction.	Privately ex catalogue.	Privately, uncatalogued.	Total Sales.
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.	5,223	5,051	279	1,962	7,312
N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd.	4,516	4,422	350	—	4,772
	9,739	9,473	629	1,962	12,084

The market for greasy wools ruled very strong, with a tendency in sellers' favour. All sorts, including medium grade, reaped the benefit of the keen demand, and excellent clearances were made. Fine wools were in special request, and crossbreds sold well. Good scoureds ruled very firm.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., offered a catalogue comprising a number of well grown, useful wools, no superior lines being included. In the grease the highest price was /13¾, paid for 14 bales of RIIVA/Tregantle, an attractive wool of good staple, in dry condition. Other sales were:—BLX/Limbri/New England, 28 w e at /12, good quality, dull, slightly tick-stained; CGW/Bunarba (Moree), 30 1st com e at /10¾, 17 2nd com at /10¼, 24 2nd com at /10, medium staple, dry condition, dusty; U/T (Young), 27 A h w at /12¼, 21 e at /12½, 20 w h e at /11¼, useful quality, good length and condition; AX/Wynella (Boggabri), 35 1st A e at /11, 14 1st pcs at /8¾, dry, seedy, fair length; Beagley Bros/Pine Grove (Grenfell), 22 1st e at /10¾, 15 1st w at /10¾, 10 2nd w e at /9¾, fair length, good condition, slightly dusty; AK/Fannabah (Mundooran), 19 e at /11¼, 36 w at /10¾, 8 h at /11, good quality, medium growth, fair condition; PJR/Canalong (Yass), 23 A w e at /12¼, 14 w e at /11¼, well bred, good length, nice condition; CHL/Oakley (Mungindi), 34 A c h e at /11, 13 A h at /10¼, 8 B at /9¾, 4 B h at /9¾, medium length, good quality, fair condition; Beverley/star Burrows, 22 AA at /12¾, 9 AA at /11¾, 19 A at /11¼, 43 B at /11, well bred, good length, full condition; PW/MP (Queensland), 68 w e at /10¾, 18 w e at /9¾, fine, medium length, dry, dusty; JMA (Orange), 9 A A e at /11¾, 30 A A at /11¾, 31 A h w e at /11¼, 29 B h w e at /10¾, well grown, good length, nice quality, full condition; RAW/New England, 17 A A at /12, 14 A com at /11¼, 5 A w at /10¾, good quality, dry, dusty, touched with burr; Hawthorne/RJ (Coolah), 18 1st com e at /12, 10 1st com w at /11¾, 7 1st com h at /11¼, 13 com /10¼, 6 clo at /9¾, medium length, good quality, touched with seed; WRB/Wongwie (Mungindi), 12 A h at /12, 19 A e at /10¾, 10 A h at /10, good length, dry, chalky; half-circle/K/Glen Prairie (Moree), 6 com w e at /10¾, 5 clo w e at /10, good quality, fair length, good condition; Allan Ball (Singleton), 8 com at /12, 6 com at /11¼, 16 at /10¾, well bred, good quality, fair length; AWT/Carisbrooke (Cobbedah), 32 w e at /11¾, 10 w h at /10¾, 4 2nd at /9¾, good length, fair condition; AJM/Miltonville (Moree), 44 1st w e at /11, 22 1st pcs at /9¾, good quality, medium growth, rather dusty; half-circle/K/Success (Moree), 18 A A at /11¾, 16 A w e at /10¾, well grown wool, good length, nice quality, touched with burr; RMcC/Aroha (Inverell), 15 com at /11¾, 5 B at /9¾, rather short, good quality, attractive condition; Corio/TH (Inverell), 9 com at /11¾, 4 clo at /10, good quality, medium length; EA/Yass, 9 1st com at /12¼, 4 com e at /10¾, well grown, good quality, nice condition; C/M Bells/Mountain (Barraba), 31 w e at /11, 4 h at /9¾, medium staple, good quality, dull; PM/Tride (Coonamble), 13 com h w e at /11¼, good quality, fair condition, burry points; F/Waltcela, 9 at /10¾, 13 at /10¾, 5 xbd at /12, 4 xbd at /11¾, good quality, medium length, odd dusty fleece; Pinevale/FC (Woolomin), 24 h w e at /11¾, fair length, good condition, slightly burry; OJW/Springmount (Wallendbeen), 4 1st h at /11¾, 6 1st com w e at /10, good length, full condition. Scoured: WH/Woodstock (Walgett), 12 pcs at /17¾, 6 bels at /16¾, bright, good quality, very dry.

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., offered a good selection representative of all parts of the State, including several superior clips and a nice show of Queensland scoureds. Greasy wool sold to /15, paid for 8 sup com of SW/Mayvale (Barraba), 15 sup com making /14¾, 33 1st com /14¼, and 10 1st com /13¾, a fine sort of wool, of good staple, light and bright. Other sales were:—H/Uley (Coolamon), 42 1st com at /11, 23 2nd com at /9¾, 7 e at /8¾, fine, good staple, dusty tip, part wasty backs, seedy skirts; HL/G (Nyngan), 17 1st com e at /10¾, 19 1st w h at /10, 12 1st e at /9¾, fine, fairly good staple and condition, dusty tip, seedy skirts; Brangalbar (Nyngan), 22 1st w h at /10, 24 w h e at /9¾, fine, good staple, dusty, some wasty backs; R. Cox/Marrar (Wagga), 27 1st com at /11¾, 10 1st com at /10¾, 17 2nd com at /10¾, 9 2nd com at /9¾, 6 com at /10¾, 11 1st clo at /10¾, 8 2nd clo at /9¾, fine, soft, good staple and condition, dusty tip; AWS/Dulcis Vale (Bathurst), 63 F at /10¾, 11 F at /9¾, good quality, irregular staple and condition, dusty, rather skirthy; ABT/Winchilleba (Cobar), 54 1st com e at /11¼, 9 2nd com e at /8¾, 89 2nd com e at /9¾, 6 1st clo at /9¾, 10 2nd clo at /9¼, 5 2nd clo at /8¾, 51 necks at /10¾, good quality and staple, dusty, part wasty backs, seedy; Killen/Nymagee, 32 AAA e at /10¾, 8 AAA w e at /10¾, 10 AA at /9¾, 4 AA at /9¾, good quality and condition, dusty, some seed; ABT/Merri Merrigal (Hillston), 20 AA com at /10, 24 AA com at /9¾, 29 AA com at /9¾, 17 1st com at /9¾, 8 1st com at /9, 28 B com at /10¾, 17 B com at /9¾, 48 pcs at /10¾, good quality and staple, dusty, wasty backs, seedy; JC/M in dia./Bland (Temora), 10 1st com e at /11¾, 14 1st com h w e at /10, 11 1st com e at /9¾, 34 2nd com at /9¾, 24 2nd com at /10, 16 com at /9¾, 10 A e at /9¾, 10 h e at /8¾, 29 1st clo at /9¾, fine, good staple, generally good condition, dusty tip, wasty backs, burry in lower qualities; Yeumburra/CH (Yass), 8 AAA at /13¾, 5 h at /12, fine, soft, good staple, bright, generous condition; CK/Nemingha (Tamworth), 31 h w at /12¾, 19 h w e at /11¾, fine, good staple, somewhat irregular in condition; SKS, 18 1st com at /11¾, 19 A w at /10¾, 4 A e at /10¼, fine, soft, good staple and condition; LS/Dungowan (Tamworth), 15 1st com at /13¾, 11 1st com A w at /12¼, 12 2nd com at /12, 15 2nd com at /11¾, fine, good staple and condition, bright, some seed; Ross/Balaklava/New England (Glen Innes), 6 1st com w at /12¾, 20 1st com w e at /13, 6 2nd com at /11¾, 8 cbk at /12¾, 5 xbd at /12¾, fine, bright, good staple, generous condition; J. McCL/Horseshoe (Baradine), 14 com w e at /11¼, good staple, bright, heavy, some burrs; Girilambone/WP (Wagga), 12 1st com at /11¾, fairly good staple, rather generous in condition, part dusty. Scoured: Wyora (Winton, Q.), 29 AA w e at /21¾, 28 at /22, 57 A at /22, 21 A w e at /21, 37 necks at /21, good quality, bulky, light, bright, a little seedy, well-prepared.

In the report of the sale of Pitt, Son, and Badgery Ltd., which appeared yesterday, the sale of JCM/Glenmoan (Willow Tree), contained an error. The sales were:—14 1st com e at /11¼, 20 2nd com w e h at /10¾, 5 1st com e e at /10¾. 25 bales 1st com w were passed in at /11¾ bid. The wool showed good breeding, had a good length of staple, and was of soft handle.

MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The total offerings at the wool sales to-day reached 10,600 bales. The selection included a few high-class merinos, but for the most part was made up of good useful wools, comebacks and crossbreds comprising the bulk of them. There was no change in the market, which showed great firmness at full late rates.

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Ltd., submitted 6850 bales. Amongst the principal offerings were:—F/Tarcombe, from Longwood, to /16¾; Glenmore/Yea, crossbred, /16; T/Crawford, from Condah, /15¾; R in diamond, from Doreen, comeback, /15¾; Mount Aitken (Kensington 'shorn), crossbred, /14; W/TAL, from Talgarro, crossbred, /14; CMK/Worrough, from Trawool, to /14¼; Oakdale, from Coleraine, crossbred, /14¼; F and HT/Glenorchy, to /14; The Glen/DMcK, from Grassdale, comeback, /14¾; Spring Kell, from Natte Yallock, crossbred, /14¾; MAR/Dale, from Barnawartha, comeback, /14; Glenfalloch, from Germanton (N.S.W.), /14; TN/B, from Bengwarden, /14¾; JP/Kadnook, from Harrow, /14¾; Wayville Park, from Glenorchy, /14; Lansdowne, from Tambo, Queensland, to /13¾; AB/Gerogery East, from N.S.W., to /13¾.

PROPERTY SALE.

Messrs. Hardie and Gorman will offer by auction this morning in their rooms, by order of the liquidator in the voluntary liquidation of John Barlow and Co., Ltd.:—Store premises in Sussex-street; land and building, off Holt-street, close to Devonshire-street; cottage and land, Wood-street, Forest Lodge; and land at Macquarie Fields.

MINING.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Many circumstances conspire to account for the unwonted dulness of the market at the present moment. First and foremost there is the industrial troubles caused by the coal strike, and, second, the want of stability in metal values.

As regards the latter the only bright spot in the picture is the firmness of the demand for spelter, the average price of which during last November was £22/2/1½, as against £21/8/3½ in November of 1908. Zinc, once the bogey of the Broken Hill mine manager, is now one of the chief sources of revenue to the productive mines. Thousands of pounds' worth of machinery—some estimate the amount at close on £750,000—have been "scrapped" by the Broken Hill mines before the present-day success has been achieved in producing the zinc concentrates that now form a valuable asset of the Barrier mines.

If, to the £750,000 said to have been spent on zinc concentrating machinery, be added the cost of carrying out the experiments, the cost of solving the knotty zinc problem must be something close on £1,000,000. The indomitable efforts of the scientists, aided by intelligent mechanical engineers, are meeting with their reward, so that it may be confidently claimed that before very long Broken Hill will be the biggest zinc-producing field in the world.

The position of lead, also a big factor in the production of Broken Hill, is not, however, so promising, for the average price of that metal during last November was £13/1/4½ per ton, as compared with £17/4/10½ in November, 1908. This big drop has made a considerable hole in the monthly profits of the productive mines of Broken Hill and elsewhere. In the opinion of many people, the possibility of lead getting back to the halcyon days of £21 per ton is about as remote as the possibility of copper again reaching high-water mark at £110 per ton.

There is nothing to complain about as regards the price of silver, for last month the average was 1/11¾, as against 1/10¾ in November of 1908. There is this to be said, however, that in the case of the high silver contents of the Yerranderie mines the drop in silver from 2/6 to 1/11 means, so it is stated, a reduction of at least £4 in the value of a ton of ore. Even in the case of Broken Hill mines a decline of /3 an ounce in silver means a big loss.

The copper-mining industry has also had its trials, and is still suffering from the instability of the metal market. Thus the average price of standard copper last month was £58/19/4½, as compared with £63/10/8¾ in November of 1908, whilst best-selected copper gave an average price last month of £62/8/3¼, in contrast with £67/7/6 in November of last year. The price has jigged considerably of late. Only yesterday morning a private cable message announced a recovery of £1, from £58/7/6 to £59/7/6. It did not have the slightest effect in stimulating business; indeed, the market was duller than ever, as may be judged by the fact that only one copper stock was dealt in, whilst generally the call for shares was listless.

Whilst silver shares were not quite so inactive as copper, the business recorded showed weakness in B.H. Souths paid, B.H. Junction North, British (old), B.H. Junctions, and B.H. Proprietary, with other stocks not disclosing much buying vigour. Both gold and tin shares were quiet, with Tongkah Harbour Tin and Black Range West selling on the down grade.

The position of affairs was practically unaltered during the afternoon, for the reason that very little business was done. Hampdens, contributing, sold at a low figure as compared with the last sale recorded some time ago. Queen Bee hardened a fraction, but, generally, there was no disposition to operate in copper shares. Silver scrip transactions showed Sulphide Corporation ordinary easing from 20/4½ to 19/6, with B.H. South, contributing, a fraction slacker. In gold stocks, Sandstone Development receded a little. There is much anxiety in some quarters to learn the result of the crushing now being put through. Tin shares participated in the general quietness.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Budgery Mines	0 0 6	0 0 8
Chillagoe, contributing	0 3 10	—
Cobar Gladstone	0 0 6	0 0 10
Grafton	0 10 0	1 0 0
Great Fitzroy	1 6 6	1 7 6
Kangiara	—	0 2 6
Kangiara Proprietary	0 3 0	—
Ditto, contributing	—	0 2 0
Kelve	0 18 0	0 18 9
Ditto, Preference	1 1 0	—
Lloyd	—	0 2 7
Loib's Hole, contributing	—	0 4 6
Macgregor Cloncurry, paid-up	0 2 0	—
Mount Elliott	2 8 0	3 10 0
Mount Molloy, Preference	0 3 6	—
Mungana (Chillagoe)	0 2 4	—
O.K. Copper	0 1 6	0 1 8
Queen Bee	0 3 0	—
Tolwong Minerals	—	0 12 6
Wallaroo and Moonta	2 0 0	2 0 6
TIN.		
Briseis	0 5 10	—
Gilmore	0 0 10	0 1 0
Vegetable Creek	0 4 9	—
SILVER. New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	1 1 7½	1 2 0
Ditto, Privileged	—	1 1 0
B. H. Proprietary	1 19 0	—
Ditto, Block 10	3 14 6	3 15 6
Ditto, Block 14, pref.	0 10 0	0 11 0
B. H. Junction	0 6 2	0 6 4
B. H. Junction North	1 7 6	—
B. H. North	1 15 6	1 15 9
B. H. South	5 11 0	5 12 0
Ditto, contributing	5 7 0	5 7 6
B. H. South Blocks	1 9 0	1 9 6
C. S. A. Mines, paid-up	0 1 0	—
Kootra Mines	—	0 11 0
Sulphide Corporation	0 19 6	0 19 7½
Sulphide Corporation, pref.	—	1 10 0
Zinc Corporation	0 10 0	0 11 0
GOLD. New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	—	0 0 8
Gold Hill	—	0 5 2
Ditto, contributing	—	0 4 0
Harden	1 6 0	1 8 0
Harden Central, paid	—	0 1 0
Ditto, contributing	—	0 0 9
Main Ridge Deep Lead	0 12 0	0 14 0
Ditto, contributing	—	0 14 0
Mount David	0 1 0	0 1 6
Occidental	0 12 6	0 13 0
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Araluen Redbank	—	0 8 3
Associated Gold Dredging	—	0 4 0
Bourke's Hill Tin	0 6 0	0 7 0
Cope's Creek	—	0 4 0
Great Britain Sluicing	—	1 7 6
New Wylie Creek	—	0 2 0
Ovens Valley	—	0 5 6
Stanthorpe	0 2 0	—
Tongkah Harbour Tin	1 15 9	1 16 0
Queensland. Charters Towers, etc.		
Bonnie Dundee	—	0 4 0
East Mexican, paid	—	0 7 6
Marshall's Queen	—	0 3 9
Mount Morgan	3 10 0	3 12 0
Ruby	—	0 1 9
Victory	0 1 3	0 1 7
Gympie.		
South Great Eastern, No. 2	—	0 3 0
Western Australia.		
Associated	0 17 0	—
Black Range West, contributing	0 2 5	0 2 7
Great Boulder	1 4 6	—
Sandstone Development	0 5 5	0 5 7

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper.—Mount Molloy, pref., 3/6.

Silver.—B.H. South, paid, £5/11/6; B.H. Junction, 6/4; B.H. Junction North, 35/9; British (old), 21/9; B.H. Proprietary, 40/.

Gold.—Black Range West, contg., 2/6.

Tin.—Tongkah Harbour Tin, 35/, 35/6, 35/9.

AFTERNOON.

Copper.—Hampdens, contg. 5/9; Queen Bee, 3/2.

Silver.—Broken Hill South Blocks, six weeks, 29/6; Sulphide Corporation, ord, 19/6; Broken Hill South, contg. £5/7/; six weeks, £5/8/6; Broken Hill South, paid, £5/11/6; B.H. Junction North, 36/, 35/6, 35/9.

Gold.—Sandstone Development, 5/7, 5/6; Associated Gold Mines, 17/6.

Tin.—Nil.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations of Australian mining ventures were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, b 38/6, s 39/6; British Broken Hill, b 21/6, s 22/6; Block 10, b 72/6, s 75/; North Broken Hill, b 85/, s 87/6.

A private cable message states that amongst the shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange on Monday were the following "middle" prices:—Broken Hills, 39/3; Broken Hill Norths, 86/3; Broken Hill Block 10, 73/9; Great Fitzroy, 27/3; Briseis, 6/3; Mount Lyells, 38/; Zinc, ord, 10/1½; Broken Hill South, paid, £5/12/6; Oroya, 18/9; Chaffers, 3/; Main Reef, 2/9; Hannan's Star, 4/4½ (fully paid).

Later quotations (buyers):—Broken Hills, 38/9; British (old), 21/9; Broken Hill Block 10, 72/6; Broken Hill Norths, 85/6; Broken Hill South, paid, £5/13/; Broken Hill South Blocks, 28/9; Sulphides, ord, 19/9; Zinc, ord, 10/1½; Great Fitzroy, 27/; Mount Lyell, 37/9; Mount Morgans, 69/3; Mount Elliotts, 68/.

Copper was quoted at £59/7/6, a recovery of £1. Lead was not mentioned.

MINING NOTES.

During last week the Cope's Creek dredge worked 137 hours, principally treating overburden. It is now engaged cleaning in the concentrates, and it is expected to run boxes down about to-day. Preparations will then be made for shifting the barge to a fresh site by the end of the week.

The Mount Lyell Company has consigned 1479 tons of blister copper for the current half year.

Our Melbourne correspondent telegraphs that the following dividends have been declared:—Cathcart, 2/; Tewksbury Amalgamated, /6; Mararoa, 1/.

It is announced that to-day is the last day for shareholders to apply for shares in the new company of the Mount Cuthbert.

A telegram from Launceston states that the Briseis Extended closed down its barge on Monday night, the ground not being considered payable.

A seam of good ore continues along the footwall in the 190ft south drive (No. 5 shaft) of the Mount Molloy mine. The right angle crosscut in the ore channel at the 370ft level has passed through 3ft of payable ore. The south drive at the 470ft level still continues in low grade ore.

The main shaft of the Budgery Mining Company is down 404ft, and plat cut at 400ft, where a crosscut will be started to intersect the lode. Mr. Austin L. B. Brain, late mine manager of the North Lachlan Gold-mining Company, Ltd., and Howell's Consolidated Gold-mining Company, Ltd., has been appointed mine manager, in lieu of Mr. R. A. Sorensen, who has resigned.

Going towards the boundary of the Black Range West Company the south drive at the No. 7, or bottom level of the Black Range Company, is in a distance of 78ft, and shows 3ft of 2oz stone. Going north on the reef at the same level the reef is 4ft wide of the same value. From No. 6 level rise stone 4ft wide, and worth 2oz, is being stripped; at No. 4 level, the reef has widened to 2ft, value 2dwt. A general clean up, including copper skimmings, slags, etc, yielded 504oz gold.

ASSAYER and ANALYST, Reasonable Fees. Scale on application. C. BRISTOW, A. I. M. M., 98 Pitt-st.—Advt.

BROKEN HILL MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

The B.H. South Blocks mine has cut the lode at No. 5 level, which is equal to about 780ft from the surface. The lode was met in the west crosscut 70ft from the shaft, and the crosscut is still going through the ore-body. Other development work is progressing, though the south drive at No. 4 level is showing poorer sulphides.

It is understood, though not officially reported, that some of the mines will close for the Christmas holidays about December 18; but when they will reopen, if the strike continues, no one knows. The water question, too, is lamentable. The Water League last night thanked Alderman Wilson for what he had done in Sydney to further an improved water supply, and appointed delegates to interview the Commissioner for Public Works, Adelaide, also the general manager of the Silverton Tramway Company, to ask them to assist the city in preparing for a water famine. The mines' requirements now are much greater than on the occasion of the water famine in 1903. The consumption of water from Stephens Creek last month was 39,373,000 gallons, nearly ten million gallons more than for November, 1908.

The B.H. Junction mine is rushing on the rearrangements of its mill, so as to have it ready, if possible, in February. About 70 to 80 men are now on the pay roll. The plant from the Australian Metal Company's works should be in process of transfer by the end of the week. Underground work at the 1000ft crosscut was last week extended to 20ft by 450ft. The ore body was expected to have been cut to-day, but was not. The next firing will possibly show it. The body is running close by the side of the crosscut. The ore broken in the rise from the 900ft level is being stacked in the stope. All the mullock passes and ore chutes on the 400ft level have been made ready for work, and the workings between the 400 and 600ft levels are being prepared. The picking-up of the main drive at the 200ft level is making satisfactory progress. All round, the mine shows steady advancement.

The B.H. Block 14 mine last week sent away 570 tons of carbonate ore to the Sulphide Corporation. The output for November was 2186 tons. No development is taking place below the carbonate zone, but in this area the ore continues to open up, and the official estimate of ore in sight is very conservative.

RE-TESTING OLD LEASES.

EXPECTATIONS RENEWED.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

The decision of Broken Hill Block 10 to test some of its leases on what is known as the White Leads flat is rather surprising. When after the failure of last "boom," Block 10 took up the Rising Sun, Rising Sun North, and other blocks for water purposes the end of the flat was thought to have arrived. The New White Leads alone persevered, and it even secured a suspension of labour conditions the other day. But the South Blocks has contiued to succeed; ore has been struck in the South Extended; the Argus has gained the friendly consideration of an English syndicate; and prospecting on the eastern ridge of the flat has had satisfactory results. Mining men generally are looking with more favour on the southern end of the line of lode. Hence Block 10 has determined to see if the Rising Sun leases carry anything more valuable than water.

When development worked ceased a promising 3ft lode of galena was in evidence at the 500ft level. This is to be stripped, and the shaft deepened, when further exploration will be carried on. The Rising Sun North shaft is also being stripped preparatory to an examination of the old workings, which are alleged to have offered great promise at the 244ft and 300ft levels. The lode formation is said to have been 80ft wide.

This revival of interest in "the flat" is of importance to Broken Hill, and to many people now outside of the Hill. A huge fortune has been spent by one company and another in trying the large area of leasehold land forming the flat, but no payable ore body, excepting perhaps the New White Leads, has been encountered until recently.

BROKEN HILL SOUTH MINE.

A RUMOUR DENIED.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

A persistent rumour was in circulation yesterday that the Broken Hill South mine, owing to shortage of coal, would close down on Saturday next. Mr. Wright, the general manager, is at present away, and will not return until Thursday. A denial can be given the rumour, though there is every probability of the mine closing down for the Christmas holidays on Saturday week. When work will be resumed depends wholly on the coal strike.

Last week the rise from the 425ft level was advanced 25ft to 40ft, and is now in high-grade, friable sulphides. Both winzes from the 825ft level are in mineralised ground only, though the rise to meet D1 winze is in ore going 12.2 per cent. lead, 7.2oz silver, and 7.8 zinc. The first winze from the 970ft level has been started in section gL, and is down 5ft in good grade ore. The lode in the 970ft, south drive, is still showing 4ft wide, of low grade ore. Last week's despatches of concentrates totalled 1448 tons.

CHILLAGOE COMPANY.

A MONTH'S OPERATIONS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The Chillagoe Company reports that the railway receipts for November amounted to £8294, and for the eight months of the financial year ending November 30, £64,722. For the corresponding periods of the previous year the respective amounts were £8348 and £75,310. The engineer in charge of the Chillagoe-Etheridge railway construction works reports, under date November 24:—"Platelaying completed four miles from terminus; earthworks 142 miles, bridges, drains, and culverts completed to terminus."

The weekly mining report states:—"Zillmanton, Reid shaft sunk 13ft; total 161ft. Erecting boiler, excavating for pump foundations; No. 2 shaft unwatering. Teesdale, starting to break ore; No. 1 shaft, driving on ore east and west 50ft level; No. 2 shaft, 100ft level crosscut is in 63ft; No. 3 shaft, 100ft level, east drive total 48ft; west drive total 53ft. Big reef, unwatering deep shaft; water lowered to 55ft; tunnel drive continues in ore, average 18in, 28dwt. Other improvements have occurred. Goldsmith's Creek, sinking No. 5 bore. Percyville, Boomerang West drive, total 21ft, east drive total 16ft. Well's shaft, total 81ft; Union shaft, total 107ft; 100ft level, started crosscutting to reef. Homeward Bound, shaft down 57ft."

KALGOORLIE MINES.

GOOD DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED.

KALGOORLIE, Tuesday.

The Great Boulder No. 1 Company reports a good development at the 190ft north level in the St. George mine. At this depth ore assaying 10dwt to the ton has been struck, and values continue to show in the face.

The following cable has been despatched to the London board by the management of the Kalgoorlie company: "1650ft level, the crosscut has been driven 70ft; 1550ft level, body of ore in west crosscut driven upon 154ft, and ore continuing: north drive, the width of the ore is 16ft, the average value is 18dwt; 1350ft level, east from end of crosscut, commenced to drive south, and driven 15ft, samples from the face assay 9dwt per ton; 1260ft level, main north drive off main west crosscut, from 223ft to 268ft, the value of ore is 10dwt; 200ft level, main south drive, from 325ft to 340ft, the value of the ore is 9dwt; 100ft level, south drive off west crosscut, from 233ft to 249ft, the value of the ore is 17dwt, from 249ft to 259ft 12dwt, from 259ft to 269ft 6dwt, and from 269ft to 301ft 11dwt." The most interesting feature of the above message is the reference made to the recent development at the 1550ft level. Until lately this level had been disappointing, but now appears to be [illegible] up in a very promising manner. Ore of the average value of 16dwt has been driven on for 154ft, and is still continuing to the north. The width is reported as 16ft. At the 1650ft level the west crosscut is out 70ft, and in about six weeks' time should reach the ore body located by the diamond drill. Some minor developments are reported, and altogether the mine appears to be looking well. The return for November is about normal, and the scale of profit is amply sufficient for the maintenance of the present rate of dividends. The next quarterly distribution of 6/3 per share is payable on January 6.

November Outputs.—Hills Propy., Murin Murin, 1315 tons 907oz, valued £3370, expenditure £1038, profit £2332; Kalgurli, 10,760 tons treated, gold valued at £28,464, expenditure £12,939, profit £15,525; Associated, 3630 tons, for bullion valued at £4346, expenditure £3745, profit £601; Golden Pole, 311 tons, 238oz, valued at £905.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

Sales and quotations:—

W.A. Stocks: Associated, 17/6, b 17/4½, s 17/9; Chaffer's, 3/, 2/11, b 2/10, s 3/; Cumberland, 1/10, b 1/9, s 1/10½; Great Boulder, b 24/10½, s 25/; Golden Ridge, b 20/, s 20/6; Golden Links, 3/6, b 3/4, s 3/7; Lake Views, 17/3, b 17/3, s 17/9; Boulder Main Reef, 2/9, 2/8, b 2/8, s 2/8¾; Oroya, 17/6, b 17/4½, s 17/9; Princess Royal, 1/4, 1/4½, b 1/4, s 1/6; Gwalia South, b 19/, s 20/; South Kalgurli, b 13/9, s 14/1½.

Silver: Broken Hills: 39/9, b 39/6, s 39/10½; British (old), b 21/6, s 21/9; ditto (new), 19/9, b 19/6, s 20/; B. H. Block 10, b 73/6, s 74/; B. H. Junctions, 6/1, 6/4, 6/2½, b 6/2½, s 6/3½; B. H. Norths, b 87/9, s 88/6; B. H. Souths, paid, £5/12/, £5/11/9, b £5/11/9, s £5/12/6; ditto, contg., b £5/7/, s £5/8/; B. H. South Blocks, 29/6, 29/9, b 29/6, s 29/9; B. H. Junction North, 35/9, b 35/4½, s 36/1½; Sulphide, ord., b 19/9, s 20/3; Amalgamated Zinc, b 20/, s 20/6.

Copper: Mount Lyell, b 38/4½, s 38/6; O.K., 1/8, 1/7½, b 1/7, s 1/8; Wallaroo, 40/, b 39/9, s 40/3¾; Great Fitzroy, 27/, b 26/10½, s 27/3.

Tin: Stannary Hills, ord., 1/3, 1/3½, 1/3.

BENDIGO, Tuesday.

Sales: Ajax, 34/3; Bird's Reef, /6½; Collmann and Tacchi, 11/10; Maxwell, /9; Nell Gwynne, 5/; New Golden Fleece, /5; New Moon, 24/3 (small lot); The Langdon, 1/, 1/0½.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Tuesday.

Sales: Bonnies, 3/7; B. Block, 6/8; B. Extended, 8/10; Clark's, /3; Mexican, 5/, 5/1; Marshall's 2/5; South Queen, /6½.

LAUNCESTON, Tuesday.

Quotations: Tasmanian, b 3/2, s 3/8; Magnet, s 15/6; Mount Farrell, s 5/3; Hercules, s 10/6; Primrose, b 6/7, s 7/; Mount Bischoff, b £27/7/6; Pioneer, b 25/, s 26/; Mutual Hill, /5½, s /7.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

To-day's sales were:—

Silver: British (old), 21/10½, 22/; B.H. Junction North, 35/9, 35/6; B.H. South Blocks, 29/6, 29/3, 29/9.

Copper: Balfour Blocks, £11/3/; ditto Premier, £9/17/6, £10; Hercules, 10/; Mount Lyell, 38/6; Mount Jasper, £9, £9/10/; Tasman and Crown Extended, /11, 1/; Chillagoe, paid, 4/11; Great Fitzroy, 27/, 28/10½, 27/; Hampden, 6/, 6/2; ditto, paid, 11/, 11/2; Macgregor, 2/; Mount Copland, 6/, 5/8.

Tin: Pioneer, 25/9; Tongkah Harbour, 35/3, 35/, 35/9; ditto Compound, £9/5/.

Gold: Ajax, 32/, 34/; Cathcart, 50/6, 50/, 52/6, 51/6; ditto, paid, 49/; Cathcart Central, 4/7; Cathcart Margaret, 1/8, 1/6; Cathcart North 5/; Christensen's Ajax, 1/9, 1/10; Coronation, 2/; Diamond Creek, 4/2; Duke and Main Leads, 31/6, 32/; Frenchman's Reef, 2/9, 2/3; Great Southern Consols, 4/; Langi Logan North, 2/9; Long Tunnel, 48/; ditto Extended, 30/; New Good Hope, 2/; North Otago, 1/3½; North Nuggety Ajax, 16/3, 18/9, 18/; Normanby North, 2/5; Nuggety Ajax, 44/9, 45/, 44/6; Tindals, 24/, 23/6.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Mount David Company, December 4.—100ft level: South-east drive in slate country. 155ft level: South-east drive shows about 1ft of lode material of poor quality. No. 1 winze sunk to 18ft, about 1½ft of lode material in face. Stoping north from No. 2 rise on stone 2ft thick; and south on stone 3ft 6in thick, both fair quality. Stoping south from No. 3 rise on stone 2ft 6in thick, fair quality. No. 4 level, winch winze: South-east drive in 141ft, about 2ft of reef formation, low grade. During week connected with No. 3 winze from No. 3 level. When drive extended clear of winze, stoping operations will be carried on from No. 3 winze.

Kootra Mines.—Mine manager's report for week ended December 6:—No. 2 south shaft, north drive: No. 2 level extended 4ft, total 11ft. The ore averaged 18in, and assayed: Gold, 2.5dwt; silver, 24.24oz; copper, 1.59 per cent.; and lead, 8.45 per cent. No. 2 south shaft: South drive (No. 2 level) extended 3ft 6in, total 10ft. Ore averaged 18in, and assayed: Gold, 20.25dwt; silver, 14.3oz; copper, 1.28 per cent; and lead, 13.6 per cent. An engine-room for the main shaft winding engine has been erected, and lean-to placed over boiler.

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

HARDIE and GORMAN.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, Houses and Land.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At Hillingdon, Smith-street, Summer Hill, at 11, Pianos, Piano Player, Plate, Furniture, etc.

J. F. HEGERTY.—At Wollongong-road, near Arncliffe Station, at 2.30, Groceries, Scales, Weights, etc.

CRANSTON and MITCHELL.—At 1 Cairo-street, North Sydney, at 11, Furniture, etc.

J. P. LISTER.—At the Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Blankets, etc.; at 3, Jewellery, etc.

DALWOOD and CO.—At 180 Jersey-road, Paddington, at 11, Groceries, Scales, Coffee Mill, etc.

H. LEVY.—At 611 George-street, at 2, Jewellery, etc.; at 3, Clothing, Boots, Linen, etc.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Sydney Wool Exchange, at 3, Wool.

At the Various Stores, at 9.30, Marsupial Skins; at 2, Opossum and Rabbit Skins; at 11.45, Leather.

CO-OPERATIVE WOOL and PRODUCE COMPANY.—At the Wool Exchange, at 9.30, Marsupials, Opossums, and Rabbits.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

E. P. PEARCE.—At Saleyards, Homebush, at 11.30, Cows.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Bazaar, at 10.30, 11.30, and 12, Horses, Vehicles, and Harness; at Camperdown Yards, at 2, Horses.

J. F. HEGERTY.—At Wollongong-road, near Arncliffe Station, at 2.30, Horse, Van, Harness, etc.

FRASER, UTHER, and CO.—At the City Mart, at 11.30, Motor Cars.

J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At Hillingdon, Smith-street, Summer Hill, at 11, Horse, Vehicle, and Harness, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. COWAN.—On the Premises, Miller-street, Pyrmont, at 3, Timber.

A. BARNETT and PUGH.—On the Site, Washington-street, off Sussex-street, at 11, Building Materials, etc.

R. G. WATKINS and CO.—At New Reservoir, Howard-street, Randwick, at 11, Timber, Steel Rails, Trucks etc.

S. H. HARRIS and CO.—At Mort's Dock, Balmain, at 11.30, Dismantled Rigging, etc.

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

Ascot will, this afternoon, be the rendezvous for followers of pony and galloway racing, and the number and quality of the horses engaged indicate good sport. Visitors can travel by the ordinary service on the Botany tram line, and 'buses will also run to the course. The track is reported to be in good order, and the first race is timed to start at 2.15 p.m.

Metropolitan visitors to the final day's racing of the Newcastle December Meeting, will be in good time for the opening event this afternoon by leaving the Central Railway Station by the 9 a.m. train for the north. A service of 'buses will run between the Newcastle railway station and the racecourse.

Yabba Gabba has been struck out of all engagements in connection with the A.J.C. December and Summer meetings, and The Reckoning out of the Christmas Handicap.

The following race meetings have been granted registration by the A.J.C.:—Dolgelly Racing Club (December 20), Bonshaw Jockey Club (December 27), Tocumwal Racing Club (January 1), Lyonsville and Yugilbar Racing Club (January 1), and Bowral Racing Club (December 27).

The withdrawals notified yesterday in connection with the Rosehill December Meeting were:—Maesmore out of the Parramatta Mile, Chamade and Yabba Gabba out of the Rosehill Handicap, and Harbor Lass out of the Clyde Stakes.

Three nominations—L.G.M. for the Flying Welter, Rose Allie for the New Year's Gift, and Rocklight for the Dudley Handicap—were on Monday received too late to be included in the general entries for Tattersall's Club annual race meeting.

The two-year-old ch g by Flavus (imp.) from Brenda, has been named Jack Kearns; and b g by Brakpan from Lorraine, Leyton. Both are engaged in the Rosehill December Meeting.

The Warwick Farm Racing Club is out with the programme for its January meeting on the 8th prox. The prize money totals £350, of which £100 goes to the Warwick Handicap, and entries close with the secretary, Mr. F. A. Oatley, at 4 p.m. on the 28th inst.

The meeting of the board of management of the Associated Racing Clubs took place yesterday, when a permit to ride was granted to Richard Edwards. The appeal of John Byrne (jockey) against the decision of the Rosebery stipendiary stewards in suspending him for a term of six months for interference in the Fourteen Hands Handicap on the 17th ult was dismissed.

The restriction of the tramway services owing to the coal strike is responsible for the postponement of the pony and galloway meeting promoted by the Victoria Park Racing Club in aid of the funds of the South Sydney Hospital from the 22nd inst to February 2. The Victoria Park management will, however, hold its regular meeting on the 22nd inst, and an attractive programme has been framed for the occasion.

Mr. James Hardcastle, who for some years has been connected with hotelkeeping in Singleton, and was also well known in racing circles, has (writes our local correspondent) left for Newcastle, where he intends commencing training operations, and will start with a string of three, viz., Potassium (Positano-Cyanide), Marie Brook (Holbrook—Mabel), and Dago.

The Denman Amateur Race Club held its yearly meeting last Saturday night, and a most satisfactory balance-sheet was placed before the members, the credit balance being £18/19/3. Mr. E. R. White was re-elected president, Mr. W. L. C. Brecht secretary, and Mr. F. M. Bell treasurer.

The Railway Department having cancelled all special trains for race meetings owing to the strike, the Rosehill authorities waited on the A.J.C. committee yesterday afternoon with the view of changing the venue of the December meeting fixed for next Saturday from Rosehill to Randwick. The chairman of the A.J.C. committee, in granting the concession, particularly emphasised the fact that it was conceded as a matter of urgency, and must not be taken as a precedent. The matter now only requires the sanction of the Chief Secretary, and for which an application has been made.

The hurdleracer, Wisdom (late Waratah), by Invermay from Civility, was yesterday sold by Messrs. MacCabe, Morton, and Co. at auction to Mr. R. M'Kenna, for 70 guineas.

Mr. P. H. Morton's imported Carbine mare Lady Dunboyne has dropped a colt foal to the imported St. Simon horse San Francisco, and visits Maltster.

Our Bega correspondent telegraphs that the Tathra Jockey Club has decided on a six-event programme for Anniversary Day.

Mr. R. G. Casey, chairman of the V.R.C. soon got tired of his recent purchase, Florance, by Sir Tristram (imp.) from Florrie, whom he sold, privately, a few days ago, through the agency of Messrs. Campbell and Sons, Melbourne, to Mr. J. Fawcett.

Haco and Osmo, who have been racing in Victoria for some time past, have returned to Sydney for the midsummer campaign at Randwick.

The following foalings are reported from the Worondi stud:—Royal Favour (imp.), by Royal Cherry, b f, by Persian Knight (imp.), and stinted to Antonio (imp.); Extra, by Marvel, b f, by Trenchant, and stinted to Persian Knight (imp.); Lady Primrose, by Dalmeny, b c, by Persian Knight, and stinted to him again; Darkness, b f, by Merv (imp.), and stinted to Persian Knight; Trumpet, by Invader, b c, by Merv (imp.), and stinted to Balanos. Her Majesty (dam of Malt Queen) has been mated with Antonio (imp.), and Jewess (dam of Mentmore) with Balanos. Her Majesty and Jewess have not borne foals this season.

The Grafton gelding Workmaster, who annexed the Great Eastern Steeplechase at the Oaksparinga (S.A.) meeting last April, has, after enjoying a three months' spell, resumed work under the supervision of M. Whelan at Adelaide, and should be again in good trim for the autumn and winter jumping campaign. He is reported as looking bright and hearty after his well-earned rest.

The death is reported from the South Australian capital of Mr. R. M. Hawker's brood mare Port Adelaide (sister to Lord Carlyon), by Carlyon from Thora, by Somnus (imp.) from Astarte, by Maribyrnong. The cause of death was an attack of strangles. Her first and only foal—a filly by the imported horse Aryan—survives, and will be brought up by hand.

Whitton Turf Club (December 29), Deniliquin Licensed Victuallers' Racing Club (January 26), and Wallabadah Jockey Club (January 1) race meetings have been granted registration by the A.J.C.

During the season just ended in England the progeny of Sundridge (son of Amphion) put up a good record. Of the 19 foals credited to Amphion for the season 1907, 13 claimed the attention of the judge, the dozen capturing 22 races, worth £7802, and three of the unsuccessful ones have been placed second.

THE MORNING GALLOPS.

The outside portion of the course proper was available to trainers at Randwick yesterday morning, and some interesting work took place. Edna May and Forte were coupled for a seven-furlongs' spin, and they reeled that distance off in 1m 34s. Leuron shaped well over five furlongs, run in 1m 7s, and Fille Fogi took a second less over the same course. Grey Plume and Metallist got over eight furlongs in 1m 48s. Tabu beat Sheen over a mile, run in 1m 49½s, while Paul Neron defeated Gale over seven furlongs, run in 1m 37s, and Ambassador, alone, ran the same journey in 1m 36½s. Exsul and Blue Book took 1m 22s for three-quarters of a mile. Grist and Golden Slipper ran five furlongs in 1m 6⅛s. Black Range slipped over a mile in 1m 47½s. Porch beat Safrano easily over seven furlongs in 1m 35s. Maltine was out, but only did steady work, and she is looking very well. Gaby, alone, took 1m 49s to run a mile. Barrel and Maintenon disposed of five furlongs in 1m 9s, and Empirical cast a mile behind in 1m 48s. War Bee ran once round in 2m 24s, and Simonides went at a useful pace over a long distance. Doon Lassie and Zilper spurted half a mile in 52½s, and Lord Hampton ran the last seven of eight furlongs in 1m 36½s. Ungarie executed a useful seven-furlongs' gallop, and Plunder ran the same journey in 1m 33½s, finishing well. Snowfoot took 1m 6s in running five furlongs, while Master Fred was too good for Crofton over nine furlongs. Victoria Cross, Wood King, Outbreak, and Insolence, together, ran a mile in even time, Irishman taking 1m 52s over a similar journey. Sunlike went at a strong pace over six furlongs, and Orcus only did short, steady work.

On the tan, Malt Rose ran seven furlongs in 1m 32s. Hoax did nothing of importance. Beau Vive ran six furlongs in 1m 19½s, and Mundoie did a useful mile. Warspite and Margo ran seven furlongs in 1m 35½s, and Son of the Marsh went steadily. Several others did useful tasks.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SPORTING.

PERTH, Tuesday.

Annapolis is a short-priced favourite for the Cup; Dyed Garments, Jolly Beggar, and Candidate being next in demand.

The stipendiary stewards to-day held an inquiry into the running of Candidate in the York Handicap on Saturday. The explanation was accepted.

NEW SOUTH WALES TROTTING CLUB.

The following handicaps have been declared for the meeting on Monday next:—

Trial Handicap, 1m 1f.—†Blue Flyer, scr; †*Hugo, scr; †*Blackbird, scr; †Mabel R., 1s bhd; Bay Olive, 3s bhd; †Hilda Rose, 3s bhd; Brooklyn Chief, 3s bhd; †Lady Burlington, 3s bhd; Briarwood, 3s bhd; †Sirocco, 5s bhd; Miss Viking II., 5s bhd; Veronite, 6s bhd; †Alma A., 7s bhd; Hal Jackson, 8s bhd; †Johnson J., 9s bhd; Rosie, 10s bhd; Wilfred Denver, 10s bhd; Hazel G., 12s bhd.

Flying Handicap, 1m.—Claret, scr; †Lady Briton, 1s bhd, John Cleve, 4s bhd; †Maggie S., 4s bhd; †Talbragar, 4s bhd; †Delavan Wilkes, 7s bhd; Valour, 12s bhd.

Tramway Handicap, 1m 1f.—Pow Bells, scr; †Alma A., scr; Briarwood, scr; †Johnson J., 3s bhd; †Hazelette, 4s bhd; Hazel G., 5s bhd; Ribbonbow, 6s bhd; Red Cloud, 6s bhd; †Monmouth Childe, 6s bhd; †Lucia, 7s bhd.

Ladies' Bracelet Handicap, 1¼m.—Bainbridge, scr; Tuxena, scr; Honda, 2s bhd; Ocean Boy, 3s bhd; Little Jersey, 3s bhd; Blackbird, 4s bhd; Tom, 4s bhd.

Epping Handicap, 1½m.—†The Queen, scr; Red Cloud, scr; †Lady Briton, 5s bhd; †Maggie S., 11s bhd; John Cleve, 12s bhd; †Talbragar, 12s bhd; Valour, 18s bhd; †Denver Huon, 25s bhd.

† Amateur. * Unhoppled.

POLO.

COOMA, Tuesday.

The committee of the Cooma Polo Club has decided to hold the annual gymkhana on April 12, the programme for which will include nine events. Mr. J. A. Sellar has been appointed match secretary.

CRICKET.

SYDNEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Present v Past.

This match was played on the schoolground, and was won by the School by 15 runs. Scores:—

S.C.E.G.S.—First Innings.

P. Macintyre, b R. Minnett	13
R. Boyce, c Mackay, b F. Merewether	9
H. Merewether, c Mackay, b R. Minnett	6
J. Massie, b F. Merewether	21
R. Merewether, b R. Minnett	14
K. Fraser, b K. Allen	8
R. Thornton, b K. Allen	3
C. M'Culloch, c Williams, b Kendall	30
A. Garbett, c V. Deane, b K. Allen	13
D. Suttor, not out	17
J. Gregory, b V. Y. Deane	14
Sundries	20
Total	165

Bowling.—F. Merewether, two for 36 runs; R. V. Minnett, three for 32; K. Allen, three for 20; A. B. S. White, none for 24; Dr. Kendall, one for 15; V. Y. Deane, one for 13.

Second Innings.

P. Macintyre, b J. G. Mackay	17
R. Boyce, c S. White, b F. Merewether	16
H. Merewether, b J. G. Mackay	0
C. M'Culloch, b F. Merewether	8
R. Merewether, b F. Merewether	26
R. Thornton, b K. Allen	15
J. Gregory, b F. Merewether	2
D. Suttor, lbw, b K. Allen	6
K. Fraser, not out	13
A. Garbett, c E. Merewether, b H. Jaques	1
J. Massie, b F. Merewether	27
Sundries	10
Total	141

Bowling.—K. Allen secured two wickets, J. G. Mackay two, F. Merewether five, E. Merewether none, V. Y. Deane none, H. V. Jaques one, R. V. Minnett none.

Old Boys.—First Innings.

V. Y. Deane, b J. Massie	2
F. Merewether, run out	11
H. H. Massie, jun., b D. Suttor	58
R. V. Minnett, b J. Massie	4
A. B. S. White, not out	58
K. Allen, c J. Massie, b D. Suttor	0
E. Merewether, b J. Gregory	39
J. G. Mackay, b J. Massie	25
H. V. Jaques, b R. Thornton	1
Dr. Kendall, b J. Massie	0
K. Williams, c J. Massie, b R. Thornton	1
Sundries	28
Total	227

Bowling.—J. Massie, four for 73; C. M'Culloch, none for 38; D. Suttor, two for 43; J. Gregory, one for 35; R. Thornton, two for 11.

Second Innings.

R. V. Minnett, b D. Suttor	4
V. Y. Deane, c D. Suttor, b J. Massie	4
H. V. Jaques, b J. Massie	0
E. Merewether, b D. Suttor	0
R. K. Allen, b D. Suttor	12
H. H. Massie, jun., b J. Massie	10
A. B. S. White, lbw, b J. Massie	4
J. G. Mackay, b D. Suttor	14
F. Merewether, c K. Fraser, b D. Suttor	0
Dr. Kendall, b D. Suttor	5
K. Williams, not out	0
Sundries	11
Total	64

Bowling.—J. Massie, four for 24; D. Suttor, six for 29.

ST. GEORGE ASSOCIATION.

Results in the above competition are:—

A Grade.

Bexley, 290, v Hurstville Methodist.

Hurstville, 125, v Rockdale Methodist, three for 62.

Carlton, 207, v Kogarah District, three for 45.

Kogarah Presbyterian, 74, v Arncliffe, five for 106.

B Grade.

Sylvania, 135, v Rockdale Methodist, five for 82.

Kogarah Methodist, [illegible], six for 155.

Hurstville Gloucester, [illegible], nine for 77.

Queen's Jubilee Lodge, [illegible] 242, v Kogarah District.

Kogarah Congregational, 170, v Hurstville St. George, two for 118.

Arncliffe Congregational, 52, v Mortdale, seven for 187.

C Grade.

Hurstville Junior, 94, v Sans Souci Crescent, 50 and four for 74.

St. George Institute, 63 and two for 26, v Carlton Baptist, 46 and 53.

Kogarah Belgrave, 222, v Mortdale, two for 4.

Penshurst Junior won on forfeit from Hurstville Methodist Junior.

D Grade.

Sandringham Waratah, 135, and nine for 52, v Bexley Oceanview, 58.

Rockdale Congregational Junior, 108, v Kogarah Belgrave, seven for 109.

Kogarah School, a bye.

CADONIA v ARTILLERY.

The Cadonia's cricketers sought and found revenge for their recent defeat at the hands of the Royal Australian Artillery at the Victoria Barracks. Among the spectators was Major-General Hoad. The Artillerymen could not withstand the onslaught of the visitors, and were dismissed for 50. Having amply avenged their former defeat, the Cadonians adjourned to the gymnasium, where the commissariat was located.

E. Rich and Co., Ltd., v Savings Bank of N.S.W.—Played at Rushcutter Bay, E. Rich and Co. winning by 45 runs. E. Rich and Co., 111 (O'Connor 26, Guest 23); Savings Bank, 66. For the former, Amery secured six wickets for 35 runs; for the latter, Anderson secured five wickets for 50 runs.

IN OTHER STATES.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Cold and unsettled weather prevailed when another round of the Pennant competitions was commenced. The wickets early on Saturday were bad, but they were afterwards improved by a strong wind. Carlton lost three for 216 against South Melbourne (Warne 117 not out). Prahran knocked up 165 for the loss of seven wickets against Fitzroy (G. Healy 95 not out). Melbourne scored 113 against St. Kilda, who have three out for 30. Playing East Melbourne, University lost five wickets for 129. Collingwood closed their innings when they had lost eight for 153, and South Melbourne responded with four for 77. Richmond got rid of nine of the Essendon team for 114.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

In district matches East Torrens secured the leading position by making 238 against North Adelaide's 180. L. R. Hill scored 87, and Rees took three wickets for 19. Adelaide declared at six for 224, and disposed of University for 50 in the first innings and 68 in the second. Wright took 11 wickets for 43, and Travers 8 for 56. West Torrens defeated Glenelg by 33 runs, and Port Adelaide beat Sturt by 8 runs.

ALLYNBROOK, Tuesday.

The first matches of the second round of the Allyn River District Association competition were played on Saturday. Results:—Allynbrook C.C., 122 (P. Kelley 31, R. Lawrie 28), beat Halton C.C., 70 (C. Sivyer 30 not out); and Eccleston C.C., 225 (G. Hopson 65, and J. Sivyer 58), beat E. Gresford, 49.

BEGA, Tuesday.

In the Bega District Association's competition on Saturday Brogo defeated Bega on the Agricultural Ground by six wickets and three runs. Bega, first innings, 84 (J. Howard took five wickets for 28), second innings 60 (J. Howard three wickets for 20). Brogo first innings 86 (A. Howard 22). Bowling: V. Tarlinton, four for 16; Elsworth, five for 27. Second innings, three wickets for 61. St. John's (102) defeated Kameruka (46) on the latter's wicket by 56 runs. Bowling for the winners Robinson took six for 14, and Warren three for 5. St. John's is leading in the competition.

DUBBO, Tuesday.

On Saturday the first round for the local competition was finished; Public Service beating Banks and Law by 46 runs, and Dubbo beating Railway by 10 wickets. Public Service have 12 points in the competition, and Dubbo 8 points.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

CYCLISTS' UNION.

The Cyclists' Union council will meet this evening at the club rooms, Hunter-street, when, in addition to some important business to be discussed, there will be appeals by several riders against their disqualifications. A new rule dealing with the reinstatement of country riders will also be discussed.

The Newcastle Club has obtained the sanction of the union to hold a one mile northern district amateur championship.

AMATEUR CYCLING CARNIVAL.

The Cyclists' Union has arranged to hold a night carnival at the Sports Ground on December 15. Club events only will be decided, and 23 of these have stated that they will contest events at the meeting. The following is the draw for positions on the programme:—Glebe Monarch Club, 1; Campsie Club, 2; Marrickville Club, 3; Redfern Club, 4; Crow's Nest Club, 5; Willoughby Club, 6; Lily Club, 7; Mosman Club, 8; Eastern Suburbs Club, 9; Granville Club, 10; Victa Club, 11; Swift Club, 12; Dulwich Hill Club, 13; Hurstville Club, 14; Centennial Club, 15; Macdonaldtown Club, 16; Western Suburbs Club, 17; Annandale Club, 18; Brent Club, 19; South Sydney Club, 20; Northern Suburbs Club, 21; South Annandale Club, 22; Balmain Club, 23. The first event will be started at 7.30 p.m.

ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

The annual amateur cycling championship will take place in February, when the one and five miles Australasian championships will be decided at the Sports Ground.

PROBABLE NIGHT CARNIVAL.

The success of the Swift Club's night carnival, decided at the Sports Ground a week or so ago, has caused other clubs to promote similar race meetings. It is practically decided that the Redfern Club will hold a carnival at an early date. The union has only to decide the date to put things on a proper basis.

ROCKDALE AND DISTRICT CLUB.

Entries for Rockdale and District Bicycle Club's [illegible] championship, to be held at Homebush on Saturday next, will close with the club secretary on Thursday night.

AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

That Australia's sprint cyclist, A. J. Clarke, was robbed of the American championship for 1909 is now evident. In the final event for the American blue ribbon, F. Kramer, the American champion, wanted to hedge the event with such unsatisfactory conditions that Clarke and others stood down and would not compete, a move that the American press supported. Kramer consequently won the barren honour, and has been dubbed by the leading American sporting papers "the technical champion," it being generally recognised that the Australian champion would have beaten the American speed king. This view has now been justified in a recent big three-cornered match, between Clarke, Kramer and Lawson, each being teamed with a pacemaker, Clarke having MacFarlane, Kramer had Fenn, and Ivor Lawson paired with Anderson. The event was run in three heats, Kramer winning the first from Lawson by inches. Clarke won the second heart from Lawson, whilst the deciding heat provided a great race, for although Kramer got a good break on Clarke in the jump for the final sprint, the Australian finished like a streak, and beat the American over the line by three-quarters of a length. Clarke later in the day again met Kramer and a crack field of American riders in a three miles scratch race, which he won from Lawson and Kramer in the good time of 6m 11s, thus demonstrating that his victory over the "technical champion" was no fluke.

WILLOUGHBY DISTRICT BICYCLE CLUB.

The above club has decided to hold a two miles track race at the night carnival to be held at the Sports Ground on December 15, for which are the following handicaps:—O. Clifton, scr; F. Farr, 10yds; W. Cook, H. D. White, W. Bremeyer, 25yds; H. Bate, B. Fisher, and P. Boyer, 60yds; E. Wilson, 70yds; J. C. M'Naught and G. Crawley, 100yds; S. Budnick, R. Budnick, and R. Mantova, 160yds; H. Howard and O. H. Kentwell, 200yds.

CAMPSIE CLUB.

The following are the handicaps for the above club's one mile track race, to be run at the N.S.W. Cyclists' Union night carnival:—J. D. M'Mullen, scr; A. W. Watkins, 20yds; H. Pendergrast, 40yds; P. C. Caines, 50yds; E. A. Price, 50yds; H. Keedle, 90yds; E. Trevillian, 100yds; J. Jacobs, 100yds; W. R. Ferguson, 120yds.

PROPOSED CLASS RACING.

Owing to the successful carnival of the Swift Club it has been practically decided to hold further meetings at an early date. It was remarked, however, in connection with the racing that the putting of various class riders in the respective heats was a mistake, as several falls occurred which in the opinion of many were due to this cause. The Cyclists' Union therefore has contemplated running future races like the Swift carnival on a class basis. Should the union's intention be carried out it is thought that the sport will benefit considerably, and that the various contests will prove more interesting.

LISMORE CLUB.

The lately established club at Lismore has decided to inaugurate a series of races in conjunction with the Caledonian Society. The contests will be held at an early date, and will be only open to amateurs. Generous prizes are offered, including a £11 11s trophy for a 1½ mile, £7 7s for a mile, and £6 6s for a half-mile race.

AMERICAN SPEED DRIVER COMING.

Mr. Hugh D. McIntosh has sold to Mr. Barney Oldfield, the champion automobilist of America, his 200-horse-power Benz racing automobile, with which, when in America, he won the Dewar Cup, the richest automobile race in the world. This event was held at Daytona Beach, Florida, in April, and out of 30 contestants, Mr. McIntosh's car was easily first. The driver was the wealthy American stock-broker and amateur driver, David Bruce Brown, who created world's records from 1 to 10 miles. Mr. Barney Oldfield is desirous of coming to Australia to race, and has written to Mr. McIntosh, who is now making arrangements to conduct automobile races here next year. Oldfield holds 47 out of 50 track records from 1 to 50 miles.

BOWLS.

REDFERN CLUB.

PENNANT TEAM.

The following have been selected as the pennant team:—

Danks, Dearin, G. Hanigan, Leitch.
Donald, Greerson, Roberts, Brogden.
Rose, Hayes, Ross, Swift.
Parry, Cridland, Bright, Banner.
Emergencies: Caddy, Dillon, Kearns, and Cloran.

BULLI, Tuesday.

On the Woonona green on Saturday the club members presented Messrs. R. C. Williams and W. Taylor with a smoker's cabinet and silver-mounted umbrella respectively for their practical services in the formation of a new rink.

ATHLETICS.

WOODFORD ACADEMY SPORTS MEETING.

The annual sports meeting was held at the academy ground, at Woodford, on Friday. The events were well contested, and the performance of the winner of the championship, Mackey, is worthy of special mention. This boy ran 100yds in 10 3-5s, and reached 5ft 3in in the high jump. Results:—

Cricket Ball Handicap.—Kilpatrick, 1; Harkness, 2.
Cricket Ball Championship.—Mackey, 1; Paravicini, 2.
120yds Handicap (under 15).—Bowden, 1; Ward, 2.
220yds Handicap.—Hay, 1; Sellar, 2.
Broad Jump Handicap.—Hannam, 1; Mackey, 2.
Broad Jump Championship.—Mackey.
Broad Jump (under 15).—Hay, 1; Kilpatrick, 2.
Half-mile Handicap.—Stuart, 1; Paravicini, 2.
100yds Championship.—Mackey, 1; Hannam, 2.
Quarter-mile Handicap.—Kilpatrick, 1; Hannam, 2.
100yds Handicap.—Hannam, 1; Sellar, 2.
High Jump Handicap.—Lewis, 1; Rosenthall, 2.
High Jump Championship.—Mackey.
High Jump (under 15).—Kilpatrick, 1; Hay, 2.
Siamese Race.—Laverty-Potts, 1.
Mile Handicap.—Murray, 1; Paravicini, 2.
Mile Championship.—Paravicini, 1.
Egg and Spoon Race.—Hannam.
Obstacle, Senior.—Hay and Hannam.
Obstacle, Junior.—Potts.
Consolation Race.—Ward, 1; Rosenthall, 2.
Sack Race.—Sellar, 1; Paravicini, 2.
Tug-o'-war.—Mackey's team.

REDFERN HARRIERS.

Entries close on Wednesday evening for the Redfern Harriers two-mile open road handicap on Saturday.

The committee of the English A.A.A. has decided not to send a team to Athens to compete in the Olympic games next year.

Professional footballers who have been reinstated as amateurs by the English Football Association will not be reinstated as amateurs by the English A.A.A. to compete as athletes.

WEE WAA, Tuesday.

The protest entered by Mills against Douglas on ground of insufficient performances when competing at the Oddfellows' sports in May last and winning a double was settled by the committee upholding the protest and awarding the double races to Mills as second man.

LAWN TENNIS.

IOLANTHE v L'AVENUE.

Played on Saturday on Iolanthe's court at Marrickville. Iolanthe won by two games. Results:—

Iolanthe. L'Avenue.

Te Kloot and Clout v Page and Jory, 4-6.
Denshire and Miss Fegan v Simes and Miss Jackson, 4-6.
Clout and Miss W. Dalton v Page and Miss Thomas, 5-6.
Denshire and Te Kloot v Simes and Brunich, 6-1.
Misses W. Dalton and Fegan v Misses Thomas and Jackson, 2-6.
Denshire and Clout v Page and Jory, 6-3.
Te Kloot and Miss W. Dalton v Brunich and Miss Jackson, 6-3.
Denshire and Miss Fegan v Jory and Miss Thomas, 6-2.
Burgess and Clout v Simes and Brunich, 6-4.
Te Kloot and Miss W. Dalton v Page and Miss Thomas, 1-6.
Denshire and Miss Fegan v Simes and Miss Jackson, 3-6.
Burgess and Clout v Page and Jory, 5-6.
Denshire and Miss W. Dalton v Simes and Miss Jackson, 6-2.
Iolanthe, 6 sets 60 games; L'Avenue, 7 sets 58 games.

CANLEY VALE v BURWOOD ST. JAMES'.

Played at Canley Vale and won by the home team by 4 games. Scores:—

Stimson and Turner (C.V.) v Abbott and Wilson (B.St.J.), 3-6.
Robilliard and Collett v Leslie and Clark, 6-5.
Miss B. Westacott and Stimson v Miss Montgomery and Wilson, 5-6.
Robilliard and Turner v Abbott and Clark, 6-1.
Stimson and Collett v Wilson and Leslie, 6-5.
Miss B. Westacott and Robilliard v Miss Montgomery and Clark, 5-6.
Turner and Stimson v Abbott and Leslie, 6-2.
Collett and Robilliard v Leslie and Clark, 4-6.
Canley Vale, 4 sets 41 games; Burwood St. James', 4 sets 37 games.

ROWING.

HARRY PEARCE AT PERTH.

PERTH, Tuesday.

Harry Pearce, champion sculler of Australia, who is to row Day for the championship on the Swan River during the Perth carnival in a fortnight, arrived by the Otranto last evening, and commenced training this morning.

SAILING.

ST. GEORGE CLUB.

14FT TEST RACE.

Sydney (H. Collis)	1
Esperanza (W. Douglas)	2

Won by 7s, after a splendid race.

SKIFF HANDICAP.

Linnet (G. Marr), scr	1
Mascotte (G. Lumberg), 3m bch	2
Myth (F. Kirkby), 5½m bch	3

Other starters: Pearlie (G. Douglas), scr; Novice (J. Werry), scr.

Won by 50s, 1m 3s separating second and third.

NOTES.

A fresh sou'-wester and shortened sail were the condition of affairs for the St. George Sailing and Motor Boat Club's final test on Saturday to determine the club's representative at the Brisbane regatta at Christmas. The usual course was shortened, and the race sailed from Rocky Point to Towra pile, twice round, the Kogarah pile stretch being eliminated. Sydney and Esperanza, the two boats that had each compiled five points in the three previous tests, were the contestants, and were piloted by H. Collis and W. Douglas respectively. The start was a bad one, Esperanza being behind time fully half a minute. On the lead to Middle Flat pile, however, she picked up a little of the leeway, and on the run to Towra pile Esperanza almost made good her deficiency, owing to the difficulty of Sydney in properly setting her ballooner. The rounding times were:—Sydney, 4h 6m 30s; Esperanza, 4h 6m 40s. On the close haul to Middle Flat pile the positions were unaltered, and on the jibe at the flag mark Sydney increased her advantage by another 5s. The rounding times were:—Sydney, 4h 30m 35s; Esperanza, 4h 30m 50s. Sydney gained on the work to Middle Flat pile, and continued so on the lead to Towra. The pile was rounded by Sydney at 4h 53m 20s, and by Esperanza at 4h 54m 20s. With a comfortable lead of a minute Sydney disdained the use of extras on the home stretch, and with added canvas Esperanza gradually lessened the gap, but to no material advantage. The line was crossed by Sydney at 5h 18m 7s, and by Esperanza 7s later.

The five entrants for the skiff race faced the starter, Linnet scoring best of the limit boats at the start. With the fresh sou'-wester the fleet bowled along to Towra pile at a very rapid rate, Linnet improving her position considerably. Myth got into difficulties with her ballooner, and lost several minutes. Towra pile was rounded in the following order:—Linnet, 4h 13m 0s; Pearlie, 4h 14m 3s; Novice, 4h 15m 0s; Mascotte, 4h 17m 45s; Myth, 4h 19m 40s. On the close haul to Middle Flat pile Mascotte worked up to second place, and the order of rounding Kogarah Bay pile was:—Linnet, Mascotte, Myth, Pearlie, Novice. Before entering on the second round Novice retired, and the same order was maintained rounding Towra pile. Pearlie gave up at Sandringham, and the finishing line was crossed in the following order:—Linnet, 5h 44m 25s; Mascotte, 5h 46m 15s; Myth, 5h 46m 17s. Messrs. G. Hughes and A. Clark officiated as starters, and Alderman J. Crawford as judge.

BALMAIN REGATTA.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

In the council-chamber of the local Town Hall on Monday night there was a large gathering of rowing and sailing men in connection with the presentation of the prizes won at the recent Balmain Diamond Jubilee Regatta. Mr. F. W. Copeland presided, and handed over the prizes to the various winners. On the motion of Mr. W. A. Sommerville a vote of thanks was accorded to the donors, and Captain Scott made acknowledgment. A vote of thanks to the chairman and hon. secretaries (Messrs. A. Elliott and T. Kinninmont) was carried. The company then adjourned to the banqueting room, where a musical programme was gone through.

SWIMMING.

ST. GEORGE DISTRICT CLUB.

The above club held a 50 yards teams race at Brighton baths on Saturday. Results: R. J. Connors, 11s, W. Williams 10s, W. Donnell [illegible], 1; J. H. Pocock 8s, G. Mackie 8s, G. Hulligan 3s, 2; T. Rowell 5s, S. Nicoll 0s, E. Gayner 2s, 3; S. Born 11s, A. Chapman 10s, A. Chamberlain 16s, 4. Time, 4m 20 1-5s.

REDFERN CLUB.

100yds Handicap.—Final: Woolfe, 11s, 1; Sleet, 12s, 2; Wylie, 2s, 3. Time, 1m 2s.

RANDWICK AND COOGEE CLUB.

Fifty-eight members took part in the preliminary heats of the Randwick and Coogee Carnival Club Handicap, and the following heat-winners qualified for the semi-final to be swum off next Saturday at the carnival:—T. Fox, 7s; T. F. Sinclair, 9s; A. R. Fairhall, 8s; T. Devine, 4s; A. Sinclair, 7s; C. Parkin, 14s; C. Wood, 6s; F. Thompson, 10s; J. Gay, 14s; E. Rydquist, 12s; Myer Cohen, 7s; R. M'Iver, 9s.

The preliminary heats of the 100yds Club Championship resulted:—First heat: T. Devine, 1; W. Wylie, 2; Myer Cohen, 3. Second heat: L. Walsh, 1; L. M'Clenahan, 2; A. Farmilo, 3.

The first and second in each heat, with the fastest third (Farmilo) will swim off the final.

NORTH SYDNEY CLUB.

The above club will hold the 200yds senior handicap on Monday evening next, in place of December 9. The club's carnival has also been postponed from December 15 till later in the season.

MANLY SURF CLUB.

At a meeting of the Manly Surf Club a letter was read from the Surfbathing Association, enclosing the conditions relating to proposed examinations and issue of certificates for life-saving in the surf. The action of Messrs. Donovan and Relph in opposing the proposal to hold these examinations without any recognition of the Royal Life-saving Society, was upheld. The treasurer reported that upwards of 70 new members had joined the club during the last few weeks. There was a credit of £38 in hand, all accounts having been paid. Mr. Kellam reported that the first life-saving class was actively drilling. Squads of volunteers were also doing regular work on the beach.

N.S.W. LADIES' AMATEUR ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above association was held at the A.B.C. Rooms, Pitt-street, in the presence of a large number of members. The following office-bearers were elected:—Patronesses, Lady Chelmsford and Lady Poore; president, Miss Rose Scott; vice-presidents, Mesdames S. Harwood, Lane-Mullins, R. Hall, A. Hill, T. Bently, R. Roth, Dr. Arthur, A. H. Pearce, Alfred Lee, Buist, Sparkes, Legh, G. Merrivale, Dixon, Macarthur Onslow, Misses Harris, Craig, Dr. Mary Booth, Dr. Grace Boelke; hon. handicapper, Miss H. Craig; hon. treasurer, Mrs. Buist; hon. secretary, Miss Kathleen Durack.

LONG DISTANCE HANDICAP.

The date for the three miles special handicap has been altered to February 26, and will be held on a suitable river. The committee of the association will inspect some proposed courses. This will be the last event for the president's trophy. Prizes for three places and fastest time will be awarded.

ANGLING.

COOMA, Tuesday.

Some fair hauls of trout have been made in the Murrumbidgee and Snowy rivers lately. The fishing in the former stream is improving, as the river is falling.

Some fine trout have been captured at Big Badga and Upper Queanbeyan rivers during the past few days. Twenty fish, up to 4lb each, were caught with two rods at the former stream, near Stewart's homestead.

PIGEON HOMING.

YOUNG BIRD RACES.

The Sydney Homing Pigeon Society No. 1 flew the remainder of their series of races for young birds bred in 1908 and 1909, the results of which are as follow:—

From Gunning, air-line 127 miles; 207 birds competed, representing 46 competitors. 1, W. Hawkshaw, 927yds 0ft 3in; 2, G. Harrop, [illegible]; 3, W. Baldock, 926yds 0ft 5in; 4, W. Wiles, 924yds 2ft 5in; 5, W. Cross, 922yds 0ft 10in; 6, F. Kennedy, [illegible]; 7, [illegible] Williams, 920yds 0ft 6in; 8, W. Williamson, 915yds 1ft 10in; 9, J. Escott, 915yds; 10, C. Halliday, 912yds.

From Binalong, air-line 15[illegible] miles; [illegible] birds competed, representing 46 competitors. 1, G. Harrop, 1264yds 0ft 2in; 2, E. D. Millen, 1257yds 2ft 10in; 3, O. Barkel, 1260yds 0ft 4in; 4, [illegible], 1256yds 0ft 1in; 5, T. Huxley, 1250yds 2ft [illegible]; 6, W. Lambert, 1256yds 0ft 3in; 7, R. Williams, [illegible]; 8, F. Kennedy, 1256yds [illegible]; 9, O. [illegible]; 10, W. Cross, 1252yds [illegible].

Mr. G. Harrop wins the special prize, a gold medal presented by Mr. W. N. Lambert, for the best average in the series of young bird races [illegible].

A CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

The Sydney Homing Pigeon Society No. 1 also held a championship race, entry limited to two birds each member, from Cootamundra, [illegible] 191 miles, [illegible] pigeons competing, representing [illegible] lofts. The result was a win for Mr. W. H. W[illegible], [illegible] which he receives a handsome shield presented by [illegible] Eccles Booth, in addition to the club's [illegible] prize. The names of the prize-winners, with [illegible] of speed per minute, are hereunder appended:—1, W. H. Wil[illegible], 779yds 2ft 4in; 2, A. Glover, [illegible]; 3, H. Kennedy, 773yds 2ft 10in; 4, R. W[illegible]; 5, G. Argue, 769yds 2ft 1in; 6, J. [illegible]; 7, J. Escott, 757yds 2ft 1in; 8, W. Hawkshaw, 757yds 0ft 5in.

The Sydney Homing Pigeon Society No. 1 have removed to larger club rooms, No. [illegible] street, close to the Central railway station.

BOXING.

BOB FITZSIMMONS AT THE BARRACKS.

THE CULT OF THE BODY.

The drill hall at Victoria Barracks was crowded yesterday afternoon, when Bob Fitzsimmons delivered an address to the members of the Royal Australian Artillery. Major Kyngdon, R.A.A., presided, and, besides the headquarters staff, a large number of permanent and militia officers attended.

The ex-champion first delivered an address on physical culture, which was receiving more consideration every year by Governments all over the world. Scientific boxing was probably the best of all bodily exercises for health, strength, and long life. If scientific boxing were universal, the implements of the ruffian and vagabond would soon be obsolete. A soldier physically perfect would be the pride and admiration of the world. (Hear, hear.)

Unholz, the lightweight champion, then provided a curtain-raiser in the shape of a two-round spar with Dixson, of the R.A.A.

Fitzsimmons then took on four of the soldiers in succession, Handsman O'Grady, Soldier Thompson, Soldier Jack, and Gunner Coghill. The bouts were very interesting, and the old-time champion seemed to have lost little of his activity. After the contests he gave an exhibition of some famous "knock-out" blows, and then provided a ball-punching and athletic display. He was well applauded at the conclusion of his turn.

TURNER v O'KEEFE.

At the Stadium, Rushcutter Bay, this evening, Bill Turner, the Tasmanian heavy-weight champion, will meet Pat O'Keefe, the middleweight champion of Ireland, in a 20-round contest. Both of the contestants are reported to have trained faithfully. Spectators will have an opportunity of witnessing the sight, unique in Australia, of two world's champions seconding different men in the same ring, Bob Fitzsimmons being behind Turner, while Tommy Burns will act in a similar capacity for O'Keefe.

EXHIBITION AT THE STADIUM.

Bob Fitzsimmons will give his usual training exhibition at the Stadium this afternoon. He will then spar with four local heavyweights, and the afternoon's work will conclude with an exhibition of ball-punching. There will be a band in attendance.

DISTRICT NOVICE COMPETITIONS.

ENTRIES CLOSE TO-DAY.

The entries for the district novice boxing competitions, to be held at the Stadium on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons starting from Saturday next, close to-day at the Stadium. In addition to the prizes offered, any competitor showing promise will receive instruction from the best teachers free of charge.

FITZSIMMONS v LANG.

LANG IN GOOD FORM.

Bill Lang, the Australian heavyweight champion, who arrived in Sydney on Monday afternoon, is already in fine form. Yesterday afternoon, at Pick's Hotel, Redfern, he gave a private exhibition to a few friends. He sparred with his brother Eddie Lang, and with "Dutch" Hickman. The champion will give his first public exhibition on Thursday afternoon at the Stadium, where he will box with Mick Dunn and Jim Griffin.

MILITARY NIGHT.

EXHIBITION AT THE STADIUM.

Next Friday evening a military night will be held at the Stadium. In addition to Brigadier-General Gordon and staff, who have promised to be present, the senior cadets, under the command of Major George Wynne, will also attend. "Bob" Fitzsimmons will deliver a lecture on physical culture for the young, and give an exhibition of ball-punching. Boxing bouts between members of the senior cadets will follow, and Fitzsimmons himself will also be seen in a couple of bouts. Pages' midgets will also contribute a spar.

DUNGOG, Monday.

Geo. Shakespeare, of Newcastle, and Wal. Coleman, of Dungog, boxed for a purse of £25 and the welter weight championship of the North Coast. Shakespeare led during the first six rounds, and in the eighth round forced Coleman to his corner, where some fierce fighting was done. Shakespeare sustained injuries to one of his wrists, which stopped the fight.

DUBBO, Tuesday.

"Nugget" Francis and A. Shirtley, two local lightweights, met here on Saturday evening, a 20-rounds contest being finally declared a draw by the referee, W. Furney. Francis led most of the time, but tired towards the finish.

CORPORATION BATHS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The Municipal Baths in Sydney Domain showed a deficit for the first year's working. Several reasons were advanced for this, and amongst them is the most serious one of closing the baths at 1 p.m. on Sundays, whilst all other bathing resorts, private and otherwise, remain open. For the past month thousands of bathers have rolled up, only to be disappointed. I am one of many hundreds whose occupation denies me the privilege of both Saturday afternoon and many Sunday mornings, and Sunday afternoon is the only real time I and many others have for a little recreation.

For our sakes, and also to in some way repair the lost revenue to the council, I think that the time might be extended to, say, 5 p.m.

I am, etc.,
JAMES BROWN.

Dec. 6.

JUDGE FOR YOURSELF.

If you are in doubt what to drink this warm weather, open a bottle of "O.T." at the dinner table. Place a small quantity in a glass, add cold water, soda water, lemonade, or ginger ale.—Advt.

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AMUSEMENTS.

"JULIUS CAESAR."

The opportunities of hearing "Julius Caesar" performed by a company of artists really competent for such a "high emprise" are exceedingly rare in this country, and infrequent even in England. Hence the eager delight with which last evening's revival by Mr. Oscar Asche and Miss Lily Brayton was welcomed at the Criterion Theatre. Thomas Campbell, the poet, referred to three great plays, linking the one now in question with "Antony and Cleopatra" and "Coriolanus," in the thoughtful observation: "I cannot but remark a more matured tone of philosophy in the classic and later, than in the romantic and earlier, dramas of Shakespeare." It is probably this quality which gives such an impression of mental elevation and moral beauty of idea to all who see "Julius Caesar" consistently well performed upon the stage. A fine achievement is recorded when it is stated that this harmonious consistency of well-doing characterised the representation at the Criterion. The first sustained speech in this great tragedy, in which the Roman tribune rebukes the saucy cobbler and his idle rabble, beginning, "Wherefore rejoice? What conquest brings he home?" has been said to "spring upward like a pyramid of fire." But it might be contended that the eloquence here so properly admired is far outshone by the simple, great deliverances on life and death, and the affairs of policy, and war, and conjugal love, which flow through the tragedy as a whole. Again, last night, as at the Town Hall, the audience was moved by the tenderness of the scene between Brutus (Mr. Asche) and Portia (Miss Brayton), and still more so by the quarrel and reconciliation between Brutus and Cassius (Mr. Herbert Grimwood); the assassination of Imperial Caesar, brow-bound with the historic laurel leaves; the splendid speeches in the Forum over his body by Brutus and Mark Antony (Mr. Reginald Ian Penny), and many other phases of the great play deeply stirred the audience. Perhaps not quite the solemnity of scenic effect—or the absence of it—which arose from the classic vastness of the Town Hall, attended the Criterion costume-revival, but there was the far out-balancing advantage of absence of echo, and a certainty of hearing every syllable. Selections of music under the baton of Mr. Wynne Jones were played during the intervals.

Rupert Clarke, Meynell, and Gunn announce the farewell performances of the season for this afternoon and evening. The Christmas attraction at the Criterion will be "The Girl Behind the Counter," which has not yet been staged here, in which the full strength of the "Miss Hook of Holland" company will appear.

THE THEATRES.

This afternoon there will be one of the final matinees of "Havana," which is running brightly to large audiences at Her Majesty's Theatre. The last nights are now announced, and on Saturday, December 18, Mr. J. C. Williamson will open the Christmas season with the Royal Comic Opera Company, in the new musical piece, "The Catch of the Season."

At the Theatre Royal, where there will not be any matinee, owing to the exacting emotional nature of the name-part, Miss Nellie Stewart, will this evening enter upon the last seven nights of "Zaza." This realistic comedy-picture of the seamy side of Continental life is cleverly acted by Miss Stewart and her company, and is drawing large audiences.

There will be a matinee representation to-day of Benjamin Landeck's new melodrama "The Wedding Ring," at the Palace Theatre, where the scene in the Oriental Gardens at Brierley Court, and the sensational railway smash at the end, form popular features in the play, as presented by Mr. George Marlow's dramatic company.

At the Tivoli Theatre, both afternoon and evening, Mr. Harry Rickard's company will include Mlle. De Dio, in her dazzling scenic interpretation of "Terpsichore's Dream," Graham and Dent in their "100 to 1 Chance," the Trapnell Sisters, Fred. Curran, Dolly Harmer, the Australian Dartos in the Apache Dance, and other artists.

On Monday afternoon next Mr. Harry Rickards will give a monster vaudeville matinee at the Tivoli in aid of his charitable scheme for 1000 Christmas dinners at the Town Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons in "A Man's a Man for A' That," Mr. Tommy Burns in an athletic turn, Mlle. De Dio, the actor-manager himself, and leading artists will appear. Plans at Paling's, and at the theatre.

At the National Amphitheatre this afternoon and evening the new programme for the week will comprise the Gascoignes, magical wonders, Sam Gale and Little Sadie, Harley and Franklin, sketch team, Walter E. Deaves' Merry Mannikins, Pearl Lovell, Frank King, Walter Whyte, and a long list of artists, as well as new pictures by the Miorama.

At the Criterion Theatre to-morrow evening the Bank of New South Wales' Musical and Dramatic Society will for the first time perform the dashing farcical comedy, "Mrs. Ponderbury's Past."

The Sydney Stage Society will perform Henrik Ibsen's famous play, "Hedda Gabbler," at the Criterion Theatre on Friday evening next. The cast of this strangely fascinating study of character will introduce Miss Irby Marshall in the name part. Plan arrangements are duly notified.

"Dr. Bill," a farcical comedy frequently revived here with success, will be presented for the initiation of a brief comedy season at the Criterion Theatre on Saturday night. Popular prices are notified for these performances by Mr. Stanley M'Kay's Comedy Company.

At an enthusiastic meeting at the Burlington Cafe on Monday afternoon last it was decided to award a testimonial to Mr. Stanley M'Kay for his many services given in the cause of city and suburban charities. The testimonial will take the form of a complimentary performance at the Criterion Theatre on Friday evening, 17th instant, when will be presented an especially attractive programme.

CONCERT ENGAGEMENTS.

The Sydney Philharmonic Society's annual performance of "The Messiah," at popular prices, with full chorus, orchestra, and grand organ, will be given under Mr. Joseph Bradley's direction on Christmas Day, at 2.15.

The Christmas Night concert at the Town Hall this year will again be under the management of Mr. J. Edward Sykes, who has engaged as the principal artists Miss Kate Rooney and Mr. Philip Newbury. There will be a military band and grand organ.

The Garcia School of Music choir, formed by Mme. Christian, will perform Bach's tragic opera, "Carmen," at the Town Hall, on Thursday evening, December 16, assisted by male voices, the whole under the baton of Mr. Wm. Asprey. Misses Josie Miles and Zillah Harrison, Messrs. Philip Newbury and Orme Darvall will be the soloists. The plan opens at Paling's to-day.

Miss Sylvia Blackston is announced to give one concert in the Town Hall on Wednesday, 22nd inst. The young contralto, fresh from ripe experiences in England and the Continent, will be heartily welcomed by many friends and admirers. Mr. H. N. Southwell will manage the concert.

Miss Emilie Morrow's annual pupils' recital (voice and piano) will take place at the Y.M.C.A. Hall this evening, when Miss Evelyn Morrow, contralto, and Mr. Archie Harrison, elocutionist, will assist.

"The Merchant of Venice" will be staged by the students of Holy Cross College, at the Royal Standard Theatre this evening, seats for which may be reserved at Paling's.

An invitation Claviola recital will be given by Messrs. W. H. Paling and Co., at St. James's Hall to-morrow night, when Mr. Summons will preside at the improved piano-player. The assisting artists will be Misses Dora Raneland, Hilda Aitken, and Mr. Harry Neil. Invitations are being issued at the Claviola department.

A song and recitation evening by the pupils of the Harrow Preparatory School is announced for to-morrow night, at the Manchester Unity Hall, under the direction of Miss Lynette Gabriel. The plan is at Paling's.

Signor De Giorgio will direct the annual recital by the students of his operatic classes, at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, on Friday evening next, when Miss Bessie Beattie will be the assisting artist with him in Saint-Saens' "Variations" (two pianos). Miss Mable Batchelor will join in Puccini's scena, "The Death of Mimi."

The pupils of Mrs. J. E. Ruthven's School of Music will join in their annual recital at Paling's Concert Hall, on Saturday afternoon next, at 2.30.

Mr. Rex de Cairos Rego will give his first professional concert since his return from Berlin, at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, next Saturday evening, when an attractive programme of classic and modern songs will be rendered by the young baritone. Mme. Grace Miller Ward, Messrs. Lawrence Godfrey Smith and Harold Whittle will assist. The plan is at Paling's.

The Women's Patriotic Club Orchestra will give a concert at St. James' Hall next Monday evening, under the baton of Miss Murdina Matheson. Signorina Fiorelli and Mr. Thomas Midelton will assist.

The Western Suburbs Amateur Orchestral Union will give the third concert of their season at the Ashfield Town Hall on Tuesday evening next, when Mr. Wm. Asprey will conduct, and leading artists will assist. The plan is at Paling's.

The Petersham Choral Society will perform "Floradora" at the Petersham Town Hall next Tuesday and three following evenings, when Mr. W. H. Whiddon will conduct the full chorus and orchestra, and artists and amateurs of note will assist. The plan is at Paling's.

On Thursday, December 16, the pupils of Miss G. D. Barton will give an invitation concert at St. James's Hall, when Mr. Henry Weir and Miss N. Wilson (elocutionist) will be the assisting artists. The plan is at Paling's.

The City Organist, Mr. Ernest Truman, will play the following programme at the Town Hall at 3.15 this afternoon:—March Triumphal (Lemmens); Prayer (Lemmens); Cantilene (Salome); Grave-Adagio and Fuga, from "Sonata in C minor" (Mendelssohn).

OTHER ENTERTAINMENTS.

At the Lyceum, where the last matinee of the present programme will be given to-day, the final exhibitions of it by Mr. Charles Spencer's Theatrescope Company will bring forward such noteworthy star films as "Nero, or the Fall of Rome," "In Old Kentucky," "Before the Mast," "The Red Domino," "A Spanish Bull Fight," and humorous and scenic subjects.

At the Glaciarium, both afternoon and evening, the great central attraction will be "Germany's Defenders on Land and Sea," and Mr. T. J. West will also present as an antidote thereto "H.M.S. Dreadnought," and other splendid ships of the British Navy, as well as a group of the latest humorous and dramatic films. Mr. De Groen's Vice-Regal Band will play.

At the Bijou, this afternoon and evening, the new programme will include 27 up-to-date subjects, such as the Oriental tragedy, entitled "The Prince of Khyber," and the vivid illustrations of the German navy. There will be music and realistic effects.

A special charity performance, under Vice-Regal and naval patronage, will be given at the Bijou on Friday evening next, without any deduction whatever for expenses, the object being Christmas Cheer for the poor. A splendid picture-programme will be presented. The plan is now open at Paling's.

The children's Elizabethan Pageant, recently held with so much success, will be repeated for the Girls' Realm Guild next Saturday afternoon, when more than 100 young people will join in the old English dances. The scene of action will be Rosemont, Woollahra, lent by Mrs. H. Boan.

On Saturday afternoon next the Maori Village will open at Clontarf, and will remain open daily from 2 till 10, when 70 men, women, and girls, including the famous Rotorua guide, Maggie Papakura, and her sister Bella, will entertain visitors with hakas, poi dances, choruses, and songs in Maori and in English.

The Musical Pom-Poms at the Coogee Aquarium continue to attract highly appreciative audiences. A matinee will be given to-day at 3, in addition to the evening performance at 8.

HERR SCHEINPFLUG'S CONCERT.

Herr Scheinpflug's annual concert differs from most others at this time of the year, inasmuch as his pupils are budding flautists as well as pianists, and indeed in this "wood-wind department" Mr. Robert Irvine (a former pupil), Mr. Arnold Edwards, Miss Clara Phillips, Master Jack Howes, and Mr. Leslie Kelleway, all contributed with acceptance to the evening's entertainment at the Y.M.C.A. Hall. Several juvenile pianists of ability also appeared. The members of Herr Belschner's Zither Orchestra, with Master H. Belschner as flautist, were heard in tender ensembles by Lettermann and Hauser, and there were songs agreeably rendered by Miss Nellie M'Namara. The principal artist was Miss Hilda Bevege, who recited with all her accustomed power and dramatic point "Sheltered," as encore to which she responded vivaciously with "Yum-Yum and Pitti Sing," exciting fresh enthusiasm. The accompanists of the evening were Mme. Irvine, Miss Ettie Phillips, and Miss Dorothy Howes.

MISS LYONS'S ENTERTAINMENT.

The pupils of Miss Rose Lyons gave an exhibition of graceful and fancy dancing at the Royal Standard Theatre last night, when the vocal artist assisting was Miss Fannie Fridman, who responded to the applause after Denza's "A May Morning" with "A Bowl of Roses." Skirt and skipping rope dances, and some pretty ballets by the pupils, were cordially appreciated, and several of the juveniles showed talent in their comic songs. Mr. Mervyn A. Lyons conducted an efficient orchestra. During the interval Mr. W. H. Parkinson introduced Miss Lyons to the audience, in a brief congratulatory speech, and Miss Stella Rawlinson, on behalf of the pupils, then presented her with a beautiful evening scarf and an embroidered handkerchief, gifts which were suitably acknowledged.

PUPILS' ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual entertainment of the pupils of Miss Beatrice Roxie was held last night at the North Sydney Masonic Hall, and proved an interesting and successful function. It was held under the patronage of the Admiral and Lady Poore. The programme was well varied, and included exhibitions of national, stage, and fancy dancing, several ballets, songs, humorous items, and tableaux, given entirely by the pupils, including Miss Madge O'Meagher, the champion Scottish dancer. The accompanists were the Misses E. Roxie and F. Hutcher, while Mr. H. Dench acted as stage manager.

AVIATION AT VICTORIA PARK RACECOURSE.

Mr. Colin Defries was to attempt a flight yesterday afternoon on the Wilbur Wright aeroplane at Victoria Park Racecourse, but a gale blew across the ground all the day, and the flight had to be postponed till to-day. It is more than possible that should the weather be propitious a flight will be made. This afternoon Brigadier-General Gordon and the headquarters staff will be present at the invitation of the management.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

UNITED LABOURERS.

A meeting of the United Labourers was held in the Trades Hall on Monday evening. Mr. G. A. Murray was elected president for the ensuing term. A certificate was received from the Associated Unions of Broken Hill, thanking the labourers for help during the Broken Hill trouble.

RAILWAY OFFICERS.

CLASSIFICATION PROPOSALS.

In reply to representations made by the Public Service Association respecting the classification of officers in all branches of the Railway service, the acting secretary to the Railway Commissioners, Mr. J. S. Spurway, signed a letter, of which the following is a part:—"The salaries at present range for the general salaried staff from £75 to £350, officers in the traffic and other branches from £120 to £400. None of the staff are paid less than the minimum fixed for a particular grade, each case of course being considered upon its merits, and increases are given according to the value of the work performed and the position occupied. To automatically fix salaries and increases for positions constantly varying in value and importance is not considered desirable either in the interests of the staff or the service; but your association may rest assured that the Chief Commissioner will give every consideration where the circumstances warrant an increase in the present rate of remuneration. I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant."

FLINT WORKERS MEET.

Ninety-four of the 95 members in the newly-established Flint Workers and Glass Founders' Union attended a meeting of the union last night, when it was decided to apply for registration under the Industrial Disputes Act.

CABMEN AND TAXIS.

The secretary of the Cabmen's Union was instructed last night to write to the Chief Secretary in protest against preference being given to taxi-cabs in the city ranks. The cabmen considered that taxis should take their turn with the other cabs.

HURSTVILLE LABOUR LEAGUE.

At the annual meeting of the Hurstville branch of the N.S.W. Political Labour League it was decided to recommend to the Labour Council that the following question be asked all candidates for the Federal Parliament at the forthcoming election:—"In the event of further revenue being required by the Federal Parliament, will you support Customs duties on tea, kerosene, cotton goods, or other articles of a purely revenue-producing character, thus entailing further burdens on the already overtaxed workers, or will you support a juster distribution of taxation by the imposition of graduated land or income taxes?" It was agreed to forward the following resolutions to the N.S.W. Political Labour Council for its acceptance and recommendation to all affiliated leagues:—"(1) That the Hurstville Labour League protests against the attempts of the fusion Government to limit the future financial power and usefulness of the Commonwealth in recommending the electors to endorse by referendum the financial agreement as passed by the Federal Parliament by a small majority, there being, as judged by public utterances, an absolute majority of the two Houses opposed to the principles of the bill, which was carried by political intrigue and abnegation of principle; (2) that this League enters its protest against the Federal Parliament borrowing money for defence purposes as being dishonest, wasteful, and contrary to Imperial precedent, whilst transferring present responsibilities on to the shoulders of posterity in order that wealth may escape its just obligations." Officers elected for the ensuing 12 months were:—President, Mr. H. Hill; vice-presidents, Messrs. P. Dye and A. Freeman; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Henchel; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Estell.

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DR. BARNARDO'S BOYS.

His Excellency Lord Chelmsford was present last night at the entertainment given in the Town Hall by Dr. Barnardo's boys, under the direction of the Rev. W. J. Mayers.

His Excellency addressed the boys, stating that he was pleased to be present, and expressed the hope that the homes to which they belonged would continue to progress in the way they were doing. The boys gave their usual selections on hand bells and bagpipes, and the moving pictures of Dr. Barnardo's boys and girls were thrown on the screen.

SHIRE ENGINEERS AND THE RIGHT TO PRIVATE PRACTICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Surveyor," in a late issue of the "Herald," is on a good wicket when he takes exception to shire engineers being allowed "the right of private practice" as an adjunct to their official income, but he omits to mention one aspect of the case which should not, in justice to the shire engineer, be overlooked. This right is in many case allowed to make up in some measure for the very inadequate salaries paid. If a hard and fast rule is made prohibiting this, then the councils must make up their minds to pay salaries commensurate with the services demanded. The salaries of shire engineers are, as a rule, altogether too low to allow of these officers living in a manner consonant with the positions, and as an ordinary business proposition is it reasonable to expect good and faithful service for the beggarly salaries paid in some cases?

I know of one case where a certain council has for nearly 12 months past been trying to secure for their large shire the services of an engineer (the duties of sanitary and other inspectorships being included) at the munificent salary of £250 per annum. So far they have failed, and are employing at present an uncertificated man.

This is known to the L.G. department, and its officers admit the amount is altogether too small, and have feebly protested. This is only one case.

Under such circumstances, would it be just and humane, or consistent with the esprit de corps of the profession, for "Surveyor" or men in private practice to push his contention?

Should he and his confreres not rather endeavour to have the evil remedied by pressing upon the Government the desirability of taking into the hands of the L.G. authorities the fixing of the salaries for all shire engineers according to the circumstances and revenue of each shire. The officers of the L.G. department are fully acquainted with these, and are far better able to fix the amounts in accordance with equity than are the shire councillors in many cases.

In a half-hearted way, the department has recognised that something should or may be done in this direction when they propounded regulation 4, clause 6 (b), which directs that where the income of a shire council exceeds £3000, "the agreement between the council and the engineer shall contain a condition that the engineer shall devote his whole services to the duties of his position."

That is for appointments made after this regulation came into force (paragraph C).

Now, if this regulation be insisted upon in future appointments, we shall have—unless salaries be raised—officers placed in positions not only of trust, but of temptation, with salaries inadequate, after the payment of travelling expenses, etc., to decently maintain themselves and families.

The department under the Act compels the councils to employ engineers with certain qualifications, and experience shows that this is perhaps the bitterest pill the councils have to swallow. They would not employ an engineer at all unless compelled, but go messing along with foremen or gangers, as some of the municipalities are doing. Some of the shire councils have tried every possible device to wriggle out of making the appointments. And I feel myself on safe ground in saying that there is no expense the councillors and ratepayers grudge so much as the salary of the engineer.

Knowing this, as the officers of the L.G. department do, and being in command of the position, surely there should be no difficulty in incorporating in the next amending Act a clause empowering the department to fix the salaries of the engineers.

These officers are largely the guardians of the public funds advanced to the shire councils in the way of endowments and special grants, and, therefore, it is only good business to put them in a position of some security.

I am, &c.,
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Delightfully situated, massively built, highly finished, and commodious RESIDENCE, with FOUR ACRES one rood and four and a quarter perches of land, having extensive frontage to BURWOOD-ROAD, at the corner of Minna-street, and extending to Angelo-road. It is of brick, cemented, and painted, slate roof, verandahs and balconies at sides, bay windows, and porch entrance in front, and containing the following accommodation:—

Ground Floor.—Wide hall, large drawing and dining rooms, billiard room, breakfast room, sitting room, 2 pantries, kitchen, servants' dining hall.

First Floor.—5 bedrooms, dressing room, two bathrooms, 2 bedrooms for maids, linen press.

Basement.—Bedroom, bathroom, wine cellar, mangle room, laundry, and fuel bin.

The outbuildings consist of 3 loose boxes, man's room, harness room, large carriage house, feedroom, iron shed for feed, cow bail, fowl houses and yard.

There are the following improvements in the wide grounds:—

Bushhouse, vineyard (wired in), tennis court, fig trees (wired in), orchard, vegetable garden, tastefully laid out, flowering plots, full-grown ornamental trees.

At rear is a large paddock for horses and cow.

In front of the residence is a beautifully-kept lawn, and from street entrance a wide carriage drive (of gravel).

Without doubt Gayton is the most substantial residence in the Western Suburbs. It is a complete residential property. The main rooms are very large, lofty, and well finished.

Burwood enjoys a full train service—many through.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 10th December, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above well-known Home Property, designed and erected under Mr. ARCHITECT BOND for the late Hon. R. Jones.

INSPECTION by CARD only, obtainable from Auctioneers.

Messrs. ASHER, OLD, and JONES are Solicitors of the Estate. (4892)

BY ORDER OF
THE PERMANENT TRUSTEE COMPANY
OF NEW SOUTH WALES, LTD.

Trustees Estate late J. A. E. EATON.

ENMORE.—EDGEWARE-ROAD.—Nine Brick Houses, at corner of Harrow-road, each 4 rooms, kitchen, etc. Rentals, £317 4s per annum. Torrens Title. IN ONE LOT, OR SINGLE HOUSES TO SUIT. LAND, about 212ft 4in x 120ft, back to a lane.

EDGEWARE-ROAD.—Vacant Land. It is fenced, being Lots 9 and 10, Section 3. Torrens Title. LAND, about 62ft 8in x 120ft, back to a lane.

REDFERN, No. 332 Abercrombie-street.—Brick Residence, 9 rooms, kitchen, etc. Rental, 18s per week. LAND, 20ft 4in x about 80ft 9in.

REDFERN, Abercrombie-street, No. 326, Galvanised-iron Buildings, timber sheds, etc, thereon. Rental, £65 per annum, and rates. LAND, 68ft 3½in x about 90ft 9in.

NORTH SYDNEY.

ALEXANDER-STREET.—Vacant Land, corner of Bernard-street, 43ft x 120ft, back to a lane. Torrens Title.

HOLTERMAN-STREET.—Vacant Land, along Euphemia-street, 67ft 7½in x 150ft, extending to a lane, widening at rear. Torrens Title.

WHALING-ROAD.—Vacant Land, part of Lot 5, Section C, the Whaling-street Subdivision, 17ft 4in x about 126ft 4in. It has access from Doris-street, at rear, by a reserved lane 10ft wide.

KEMP'S CREEK, Cabramatta.—Vacant Land, 25 acres 1 rood, with frontage to Kemp's Creek, being Lot 1, Torrens Title.

Solicitors to the Estate are Messrs. DIBBS, PARKER, and PARKER, Eldon-chambers, 92 Pitt-street.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (4908)

By Order of the Executors Estate late MR. T. ELWIN.

TURRAMURRA, NORTH SHORE RAILWAY LINE.

An attractive VILLA RESIDENCE, known as HILL CREST, fronting the LANE COVE-ROAD, opposite Cherry-lane. It is substantially built of brick and shingles, and has verandahs front and side, and balconette in front, and containing hall, 7 rooms, bathroom, linen closet, 2 pantries, kitchen and laundry, detached stable, buggy-house, and man's room of weatherboard. Land in area 1 ACRE, 160ft x 237ft 7in on one side, and 228ft 3½in on the other.

*** A choice position on a hill, situate on the southern side of the railway line, handy to the station, and in the neighbourhood of other high-class properties.

TORRENS TITLE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above RESIDENCE and GROUNDS at TURRAMURRA.

Messrs. McCARTHY and MAXWELL, 48 Elizabeth-street, Solicitors to the Estate. (4907)

FOR POSITIVE SALE, TO WIND UP ESTATE.

STANMORE. The EQUITY of REDEMPTION in a RESIDENCE KNOWN AS CLAYTON, FRONTING TRAFALGAR-CRESCENT and Merton-street. It is built of brick (cemented), has Verandah and balcony in front, and contains hall (tiled), 8 rooms, bathroom, and kitchen; detached stable (4 stalls), and coachhouse. Land 57ft x 146ft on one side, and 118ft on the other, width at rear 50ft. Conveniently situated, only 2 minutes' walk from the Railway Station. Torrens Title, suitable for a doctor.

The Property is sold subject to a Mortgage of £850, for 3 years, from 10th November, 1908, at 5 per cent.

ABBOTSFORD.—Valuable Building Site, at corner of Abbotsford-parade and Poolman-street, 75ft 4½in to former, 160ft 9½in to the latter. This magnificent Block of Land is described as Lot 87, Abbotsford Park Estate, overlooking Hen and Chicken Bay, and is close to tram and ferry. Torrens Title.

ARTHUR V. HILLIARD, Esq., 81 Pitt-street, Solicitor to the owner.

Auction Sale at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

WAVERLEY,

3 Minutes from Tram, and 5 Minutes from Bronte Baths.

ELUCA, a substantial and desirable COTTAGE, at the corner of NELSON BAY-ROAD and EVANS-STREET, of brick, cemented and painted, slate roof, verandah (tiled) front and rear, and containing hall, 7 rooms, bathroom with heater, pantry, kitchen with 2 stoves, laundry, large stable, coachhouse, man's room, harness-room, fowlhouse, etc. Bushhouse and summer-house in garden, sewer, gas and city water connections. LAND 60ft to Nelson Bay-road, and 150ft to Evans-street.

TORRENS.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 10th December, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above attractive and comfortable Home, in good order. (4918)

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

RANDWICK SOUTH.

Between Rifle Range and Maroubra-road, and handy to tram.

Brick and Stone COTTAGE, erected on Block 794 of Government Subdivision, in area ONE ACRE, corner of GARDEN and GALE STREETS, at present in the occupation of Mr. Reynolds. It contains 4 rooms, fowlsheds at rear. The stone foundations for hall and 4 rooms are set. TORRENS TITLE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above.

R. THORNTON, Esq., 84 Elizabeth-street, is Solicitor for the Mortgagee. (4920)

LARGE BLOCK OF BUILDING LAND
at
MOSMAN,

formerly the site of Warborough, which was destroyed by fire on the 6th instant.

It has 170 feet 3 inches frontage to OSWALD-STREET, with a depth of 165 feet on one side and 141 feet 4 inches on the other; width at rear, 199 feet 4 inches.

*** Close to Reid Park, and only a few minutes' walk from Ferry. TORRENS TITLE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 10th December, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above Land, part laid out as GARDEN, with TENNIS COURT, and FERNERY.

Messrs. SHIPWAY and BERNE are Solicitors for the Owner. (4912)

CHELTENHAM,

an Advancing Suburb, Strathfield to Hornsby Line.

"IONA," a neat and desirable COTTAGE, with HALF-AN ACRE OF GROUNDS, fronting BEECROFT-ROAD, south side of Railway Line, and only 5 minutes' walk from Station. It is of brick, cavity walls, front tuckpointed, stone foundation, verandah front and side, and containing hall, 6 rooms, bathroom, laundry, and pantry, fuelbin, garden in front, paths of gravel, fruit trees, fowlyard. Gas and city water connections. TORRENS TITLE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above.

INSPECTION INVITED. (4917)

BELGRAVE-STREET, MANLY.

GLENROY, at corner of Pittwater-road and Carlton-street, Brick COTTAGE, slate roof, drawing-room, large dining-room, 4 bedrooms, 2 pantries, bathroom, kitchen, laundry, verandahs front and rear, gas, water, and sewer connections. LAND 100 feet frontage Belgrave-street, depth 107 feet along Carlton-street back to lane, where 62 feet frontage. Torrens Title. A desirable comfortable Cottage, in popular Manly.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30, in conjunction with H. T. ROBEY.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH LTD. (4915)

GREAT SOUTHERN-ROAD, BARGO,
HORNE'S GRANT, 300 ACRES,

Between Picton and Mittagong, via Picton or Thirlmere train, a salubrious climate, and soil will grow fruits or agriculture. It is before reaching that old landmark "Lupton's Inn" (late), a rivulet passing through one end. Estate late Captain Grainger.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (4923)

CHOICE BUILDING SITES.

COOGEE.—Lot 20, Sec. 1, Osborne Hill Est., 40ft to HAMILTON-STREET, close to Allison-street, depth 150ft.

MORTLAKE.—Lot 4, Pier Estate, 54ft 8in to the BURWOOD-ROAD, a few yards from Steamer Pier, depth 144ft 9in, extending down to WATERS of PARRAMATTA RIVER.

AUCTION SALE at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD. (4925)

FAIRFORD ESTATE, BANKSTOWN.

FIRST SUBDIVISION.

Lot 10, Sect. A.—2a 2rd 25½ per., fronting Punchbowl-road.

Lots 14 and 15, Sect. A.—5a 81 per., fronting JAMES-STREET, situate close to the Canterbury-road. Plan on view at rooms.

Auction Sale at Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. [illegible]

MANLY. MANLY.

Fine Views. Handy to Ocean Beach and Ferry.

CAVENDISH PARK ESTATE.

Lot 2, Sect. 1.—50ft to Stuart-street x 150 feet.
Lot 24, Sect. 1.—50 ft to Stuart-street x 150ft.
Lot 16, Sect. 2.—50ft to Osborne-road x 150 feet.

Also,

Lots 25 and 27, Sect. 17, BASSETT DARLEY ESTATE, each 50ft to Woods-street, near Marshall-street, x 165 feet.

AUCTION SALE, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (4924)

MARIA-STREET, NEAR PETERSHAM.

Nice Position. Tram is quite convenient.

BEAUCHAMP, a COTTAGE, of brick, verandah, hall, 4 rooms, bathroom, pantry, kitchen, washshed. LAND, 28 feet 9½ inches frontage, depth 123 to 122 feet. Torrens Title. 3 doors from New Canterbury-road. Rent, 11s per week. Estate of the late Thomas Macindoe.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER, at 11.30, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (4903)

TUDOR-STREET, SURRY HILLS.

On Heights between Crown and Riley streets.

HOUSE, No. 26 TUDOR-STREET, of brick, verandah and balcony, hall, 5 rooms, bathroom, kitchen, and washhouse. Rental 14s weekly. Land 14ft x 60ft along a lane. Close to train and 1d 'bus route.

Messrs. McDONELL and MOFFATT, Solicitors.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (4897)

NEXT LUPTON'S INN, BARGO.

100 Acres LAND, fronting Great Southern-road, between Picton and Mittagong.

A Healthy Climate, suitable for fruitgrowing, etc. Plan on View. Easy Terms.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (4922)

OCEAN VIEW ESTATE, BEXLEY.

A SPLENDID BUILDING SITE, over ½ ACRE. Lots 32 to 34, Sect. 10, 165ft to CALEDONIA-STREET, close to Queen Victoria-street, depth 208ft 6 inches. Torrens Title.

Auction Sale at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., (4930)

BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ESTATE LATE MR. I. BECKHAUS.

STRATHFIELD,

on north side of line, and only 4 minutes from railway station.

COTTAGES AND BUILDING SITES,
as follows:—

LOT 1. LAND, 64 feet frontage to COOPER-STREET, depth 129 feet to 168 feet, width at rear 78 feet. On it is erected a Detached COTTAGE of wbds., iron roof, verandah in front, 5 rooms and kitchen, washhouse, stabling.

*** This is occupied by Mrs. Beckhaus. The rear part of the land is planted with grapevines.

Lots 2 to 6 inclusive. FIVE LEVEL BUILDING SITES, each 40 feet frontage to COOPER-STREET, with a depth of 120 feet.

*** Portion of Beckhaus' well-known vineyard.

Lots 7, 8, and 9. THREE DETACHED COTTAGES, in COOPER-STREET, of wbds., iron roofs, verandahs front and rear, and each containing 4 rooms, detached washhouse.

The LAND to each has about 30 FEET frontage to COOPER-STREET, with a depth of 125 feet.

*** WILL BE OFFERED IN SEPARATE LOTS.

Lot 10. LARGE TRIANGLE BLOCK OF LAND, 143 feet frontage to COOPER-street, baseline 125 feet. On it is erected a Detached COTTAGE of wbds., iron roof, verandah front and rear, and containing 4 rooms, detached washhouse.

Lot 11. Weatherboard COTTAGE, in CHAPMAN-STREET (a little north-west of above described properties), on brick piers, iron roof, verandah front and rear, and containing 4 rooms, bathroom, and washhouse. Land, 40 feet frontage by 119 feet.

Lot 12, adjoining Lot 11. VACANT SITE, 40 feet to CHAPMAN-STREET, with a depth of 118 feet.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, on the ground, at 3 p.m., NEXT SATURDAY, 11th December,

The above small Cottages and good Building Sites, close to Strathfield Railway Station. THE INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO SELL.

TORRENS TITLE. TERMS. PLAN ON VIEW.

THOMAS ROSE, Esq., 84 Elizabeth-street, is Solicitor of the Estate.

By Order of the TRUSTEES of the Estate Late Mr. JOHN BRUSH.

CHOICE FREEHOLDS AT REDFERN,
opposite
PRINCE ALFRED PARK.

Lot 1.—CLEVELAND and PITT STREETS.—That well-known and substantial RESIDENCE, called LOUISA HOUSE, at the corner of these important thoroughfares. It is of brick, cemented, on stone, slate roof, verandah, 8 main rooms, study, bathroom, servant's room, pantry, detached laundry, fuel shed and stabling.

RENTAL, £118 PER ANNUM.

The Land has about frontages of
50 FEET to CLEVELAND-STREET
and
90 FEET TO PITT-STREET.

*** A valuable Home for a professional gentleman.

Lot 2, adjoining Lot 1.—VACANT BLOCK of BUILDING LAND, about 50 FEET FRONTAGE to CLEVELAND-STREET, with a depth of 90ft 8in.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 17th December, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above VALUABLE FREEHOLDS, overlooking Prince Alfred Park. (4946)

BROOKVALE, NEAR MANLY.

HANDY TO THE TERMINUS OF THE EXTENDED TRAM, and within EASY DISTANCE of the OCEAN BEACH.

19 ACRES 3 ROODS 16¾ PERCHES,

being portion of J. G. Rigney's Grant (Portion No. 1207, Parish of Manly Cove), and having a frontage to the PITTWATER (OLD) ROAD, together with the milking-sheds and man's room thereon. Plan on view at the Rooms. Torrens Title.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 17th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above Block of Land, at BROOKVALE, near MANLY.

*** In view of the early completion of the Brookvale Tram and the construction of the Spit to Manly Tram, this fine block of Land has a large prospective value, and would yield a handsome profit to a purchaser if subdivided into Building Sites. (4945)

LARGE RESIDENCE, MARRICKVILLE,
corner of Illawarra and Livingston roads,
suit as Gentleman's or Doctor's Home, Ladies' School, Private Hospital, or Sanatorium.

BOCKLEIGH, a well-built, commodious Residence, of brick on stone, cemented and painted, slate roof, wide verandahs and balconies front and rear, hall 7ft; containing drawing, dining, breakfast rooms, 10 other rooms, marble mantels, tiled hearths, picture rods. GROUNDS comprise 1 acre 2 roods 23 perches, and are lawns, tennis lawns, bushhouse, gardens, paddock, etc. Site is high and healthy. Outlook on roof 20 x 6 feet, commanding wide views.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 17th DECEMBER, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (4934)

GOOD INVESTMENT, NORTH SYDNEY.

FOUR HOUSES, Nos. 65 to 71 NEUTRAL-STREET, with VACANT LAND at the corner of KURRABA-ROAD. The houses are of brick, front tuckpointed, stone foundation, and verandahs and balconies in front, balconette at rear, and each containing half-hall, 5 rooms, and kitchen, washshed of wood. The land has 103½ft frontage to the east side of Neutral-street, and 91ft to south side of Kurraba-road.

*** This Block of Freehold Property is a short distance east of Alfred-street.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 17th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above. (4933)

MOSMAN.

Choice Position, Commanding View of Balmoral, Manly, and Ocean.

"ROWENA," an attractive and comfortable VILLA, at the Corner of MIDDLE HEAD-ROAD and MUSTON-ROAD, near Buena Vista Hotel, and handy to Tram. LAND, 41 feet by 139 feet, width at rear 73 feet, along a lane.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. will sell by auction at the Rooms on FRIDAY, 17th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.

The above brick-built Villa, full particulars of which will appear in future advertisement. In meantime, INSPECTION INVITED. Torrens Title. (4935)

BAYSWATER-ROAD, DARLINGHURST.

In the Estate of the late JAMES CLARKE.

THREE BRICK HOUSES, Nos. 63, 65, and 67 BAYSWATER-ROAD, near Womerah-avenue, on land having 51 feet frontage, by a depth of 86 feet. Title Leasehold, about 70 years to run, at a ground rental of £25 10s per annum. RENTALS, £156 PER ANNUM. Fuller particulars in a future issue.

AUCTION SALE of the above at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 17th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., in conjunction with PALMER and PALMER.

J. A. I. Perry, of 16 Elizabeth-street, is Solicitor to the Estate. (4937)

By Order of Executor of Estate late Mary Blaikie.

BELMORE-ROAD, COOGEE.

Allotment 4, Sec. 3, M'Larie's Estate, 40ft frontage to BELMORE-ROAD (a few feet west of Carrington-road), with a depth of 136½ft back to Queen-street.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 17th December, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above. Plan on view.

Messrs. QUINLAN and LEE are Solicitors of the Estate. (4950)

ALEXANDRIA.—Land, 71ft 9in frontage QUEEN-STREET, depth 101ft 9in along Reserve-street, rear line along a lane 90½ft, part of Hill View Estate, Beaconsfield.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 17th December, at 11.30, at 98 Pitt-street.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD. (4949)

In the District Court of the Metropolitan District,
Holden at Sydney.
No. of Plaint, 1280 of 1909.
No. of Warrant, 210 of 1909.
Between
THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ENFIELD,
Plaintiff,
and
JANE ANN ESSWORTH, Widow, Defendant.

ON SATURDAY, the eighteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and nine, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, unless the Writ of Fieri Facias issued herein is previously satisfied, the REGISTRAR will sell by Public Auction, at the Courthouse, Queen's-square, Sydney, ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST (if any) of the abovenamed Defendant of and in and to all those SIXTEEN (16) ALLOTMENTS OF LAND situated in the Municipality of Enfield, Parish of Bankstown, and County of Cumberland, containing in all two acres thirty-five and one-quarter perches, and being Lots 35 to 44 inclusive and Lots 18, 19, 20, 50, 60, and 61, on Deposited Plan 1776, and comprised in Certificate of Title, Volume 898, Folio 78. TERMS, CASH.

Dated this seventh day of December, A.D. 1909.

J. M. A. BONTHORNE, Registrar of the Court.

BY ORDER OF

THE PERPETUAL TRUSTEE CO.,

LIMITED,

EXECUTORS UNDER THE WILL OF THE LATE CHAS. SMITH.

DARLINGHURST.

GODERICH ESTATE,

OCCUPYING THE FINEST RESIDENTIAL POSITION IN THE VICINITY OF THE CITY, and WITHIN A FEW MINUTES' WALK OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, AND ON THE 1d SECTION OF THE TRAM.

THE ESTATE HAS BEEN SUBDIVIDED WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING SITES EXCEPTIONALLY SUITABLE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENCES OR RESIDENTIAL CHAMBERS.

EACH ALLOTMENT WILL FRONT EITHER BAYSWATER-ROAD OR WOOLCOTT-STREET, AND THE WIDENING OF BAYSWATER-ROAD, ALREADY AUTHORISED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, MUST RENDER THE SITES FACING IT

THE MODEL RESIDENTIAL POSITIONS OF THE CITY.

TORRENS TITLE.

TERMS: One-fourth Deposit, and the Balance in Six Equal Yearly Instalments, bearing Interest at the rate of 4½ per cent.

Immediately after the Sale of the Land, the BUILDING MATERIAL comprised in GODERICH HOUSE, Stables, Outhouses, etc., will be submitted to PUBLIC COMPETITION.

LITHOS UPON APPLICATION TO THE AUCTIONEERS.

THE ABOVE ESTATE WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON THE GROUND,

NEXT SATURDAY, DEC. 11, 1909, AT 3 P.M.

RAINE AND HORNE,

AUCTIONEERS,

Solicitors to the Estate, Messrs. MACNAMARA and SMITH.

BY ORDER OF
THE PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, Limited,
EXECUTORS under the WILL of the late CHAS. SMITH.

BUILDING MATERIAL.

ALL THAT BUILDING MATERIAL comprised in "GODERICH HOUSE," BAYSWATER-ROAD, DARLINGHURST, AND OUTBUILDINGS.

The House is most SUBSTANTIALLY CONSTRUCTED OF STONE, slate roof, wide verandahs front and side, and contains 17 rooms and offices, with EXTENSIVE STABLING of similar construction. Conservatories, etc.

RAINE and HORNE have been instructed to sell the above BUILDING MATERIAL immediately after the sale of GODERICH ESTATE, ON THE GROUND, on

SATURDAY NEXT, 11th DEC., 1909.

BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE Mrs. ISRAEL AND Mrs. LEVY.

STRATHFIELD.

IN RUSSELL-STREET, within a few minutes of the Station, and CLOSE TO THE BOULEVARD.

A PAIR OF ATTRACTIVE SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES, known as RACHELLIE and KATIEVILLE, built of brick, cemented and painted, on stone foundations, slate roof, and each containing 5 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, pantry, and laundry.

TORRENS TITLE. RENTS, £80 12s PER ANNUM.

RAINE and HORNE (in conjunction with J. K. GREIG and CO., of Burwood) will sell the above by PUBLIC AUCTION, in their Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 16th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m. (1195)

MARRICKVILLE.

DULWICH HILL.
ARTHUR-STREET.
One Minute Train, 4 Minutes Tram.
FOR ABSOLUTE SALE,

ESCHOL, A SOLIDLY-CONSTRUCTED COTTAGE RESIDENCE, with bay window, cemented and painted, slate roof, containing hall (6ft), drawing and dining rooms, 4 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, pantry and laundry (fitted). Lofty ceilings, marble mantels, tiled hearths and grates, venetian blinds, tiled verandah.

THE COTTAGE IS ELEVATED, AND HAS AN ATTRACTIVE APPEARANCE.

LAND about 40ft x 100ft. TORRENS TITLE.

NOTE.—Easy Terms can be arranged.

RAINE and HORNE will sell the above by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 16th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.

G. W. PHILLIPS, Esq., Equitable-buildings, George-street, Sydney, Solicitor for Vendor. (1196)

BY ORDER OF
THE PERMANENT TRUSTEE COMPANY
OF N.S.W., LTD.
TRUSTEES in the Estate of the late MARIAN TWISS BETTINGTON.

BLACKHEATH.

OCCUPYING ONE OF THE BEST POSITIONS ON THE MOUNTAINS, WITH MAGNIFICENT AND EXTENSIVE VIEWS.

A MODERN AND SUBSTANTIAL MOUNTAIN HOME, KNOWN AS REDCLYFFE, ON THE HAT HILL-ROAD.

The Dwelling is a large Cottage of brick, on high CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS, slate roof, wide verandahs in front, on two sides, and at rear, and containing 8 large and lofty rooms, kitchen, pantries, laundry (fixed tubs and copper), storeroom, bathroom (with hot and cold water service), etc.

The property comprises an area of about 15 ACRES,

THE WHOLE OF WHICH HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY CLEARED AND TRENCHED, AND WHERE NOT UNDER CULTIVATION IS SOWN WITH ENGLISH GRASSES. TASTEFULLY LAID-OUT GARDEN AND EXTENSIVE ORCHARD.

At the rear of the residence is EXTENSIVE STABLING ACCOMMODATION of brick, also LARGE POULTRY RUNS, numerous outbuildings, etc.

TORRENS TITLE.

THIS PROPERTY AS A WHOLE IS ONE OF THE MOST COMPLETE AND ATTRACTIVE ON THE BLUE MOUNTAINS.

RAINE and HORNE will sell the above by PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 16th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.

Solicitors to the Estate, Messrs. NORTON, SMITH, and CO. (1198)

By Order of the CURATOR OF INTESTATE ESTATES, Estate W. C. ALLEN, Decd.

RANDWICK.

In BOTANY-STREET, Between MAGILL-STREET and HAY-STREET.—A Detached Residence, known as "ALDERNEY,"

built of brick, front cemented and painted, slate roof, verandah and balcony, tiled porch entrance, and containing 5 rooms, kitchen, laundry, and bathroom.

Approached from side entrance, with double gates, is STABLING of two stalls and buggy shed.

The House is in first-class order, and stands on land having a frontage to Botany-street of about 37 feet by a depth of about 117 feet.

RAINE and HORNE will sell the above by PUBLIC AUCTION in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 16th December, at 11.30 a.m. (1201)

FOR VIEWS,
FOR SURROUNDINGS,
FOR POSITION AND ACCESS,

VAUCLUSE HEIGHTS, ROSE BAY.

would be

HARD TO BEAT.

17 LARGE AND MAGNIFICENT BUILDING SITES, 66-feet frontages by depths to 300ft., NEW SOUTH HEAD-ROAD and TOWNS-ROAD, opposite Rose Bay Convent, and close to Reservoir.

TRAM STOPS AT THE ESTATE.
ROADS ARE MADE. GOOD ACCESS TO EACH LOT.
EASY TERMS. TORRENS TITLE.
Building Covenant for Buyers' Protection. Lithos. on application.

AUCTION SALE ON THE GROUND,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1909.

At 3 o'clock.

Vendors: Intercolonial Investment Co., 14 Moore-street.

HARDIE and GORMAN, AUCTIONEERS, 133 PITT-STREET.

ORDER OF SALE.

AT THE ROOMS, 133 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY,
THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 8th DECEMBER, 1909,
at 11.30 a.m.

CITY, SUSSEX-STREET, close Market-street.—FINE BUILDING BLOCK, 19ft 8½in frontage, No. 122 thereon.

CITY.—WAREHOUSE OR STORE PREMISES, Nos. 388 and 390 SUSSEX-STREET. Liquidator's Sale.

SURRY HILLS.—BLOCK OF LAND, off Holt-street, with Buildings thereon. Liquidator's Sale.

FOREST LODGE.—BRICK COTTAGE, No. 23 Wood-street. Liquidator's Sale.

NORTH SYDNEY.—2 DETACHED RESIDENCES, "STONEHENGE" and "WEEROONA," Bent-street.

NORTH SYDNEY.—2 COTTAGES, "TOLOPA" and "WINTHORPE," Eaton-street.

MOSMAN.—Fine Building Site, Prince Albert-street.

MANLY.—Subdivision Block, 22¼ Acres, Brighton and West streets, and Balgowlah-road.

SUMMER HILL.—W.B. Cottage and Land, 57 Windsor-road.

MARRICKVILLE.—Allotment, Cadogan and Sloane streets.

COOGEE.—Allotment, Long Bay-road.

ENFIELD.—3ac. 2rd. 33per. and Cottage, Water and James streets and Cook's River.

ENFIELD.—Land, James and Water streets.

MACQUARIE FIELDS.—7ac. 3rd. 18½per., Hosking's Estate. Liquidator's Sale.

HARDIE and GORMAN,
Auctioneers.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE JAMES OLDS, Esq.

DARLINGHURST.

TERRACE OF THREE HOUSES, No. 19½ (20 on door), 21, and 23 BURTON-STREET, at the corner of Crown-street, built of brick on stone, with slate roof.

No. 19½ has 4 rooms, let at 12s per week.
No. 21, 5 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, balcony, let at 15s per week.
No. 23, 4 rooms, bathroom, balcony, let at 13s per week.

TOTAL RENTS, £104 YEARLY.

LAND, Nos. 19½ and 21, 26ft 8½in x 26ft 11in.
No. 23, 14ft x 26ft 11in. Divided by 3-foot passage.

HARDIE and GORMAN will sell the above by Public Auction, at their Sale Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock

NEXT WEDNESDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 1909.

TASMANIA.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21st.

MURDOCH BROS., in conjunction with DARLING and REYNOLDS, are instructed by the Trustees of the late Charles Butler, Esq., to sell by auction, at their Mart, 77 Macquarie-street, on the above date, at 12 noon,

That magnificent Residential Property, Ellerslie, situated in Hampden-road, within eight minutes' walk of the City and Wharfs, and one minute of tram line.

The Building, which is constructed of stone and brick, contains Dining, Drawing, Sitting, and Smoking Rooms, 7 Bedrooms, Dressing Rooms, 2 Bathrooms, Kitchen, Laundry, Scullery, Pantry, and all necessary conveniences and usual outbuildings.

The Grounds comprise 1½ acre, having a frontage of 200ft on Hampden-road and a depth of 318ft, the whole depth fronting on a private right-of-way about 30 links wide. The grounds are laid out in flower and kitchen gardens, tennis and croquet lawns, etc, from which there is a splendid view of the harbour and city.

For those in search of a comfortable and retired residence no better situation could be found, and the auctioneers would also call the attention of speculators to this particular property, as there is ample room to build another fine residence facing Hampden-road, and two fine allotments could be utilised for residential purposes, fronting on the right-of-way.

Reference: Messrs. BUTLER, M'INTYRE, and BUTLER, Solicitors, Hampden-road.

IN BANKRUPTCY.
ESTATE OF JOHN JOSEPH FUTTON, No. 6978.

ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE, and INTEREST (if any) of William Harrington Palmer, Esq., Official Assignee, in and to portion of Allotment No. 4, of section 22, in the City of Goulburn, having a frontage of 33 feet to Grafton-street by a depth of 165 feet.

Messrs. McCARTHY and MAXWELL, Elizabeth-street, Solicitors to the Official Assignee.

HARDIE and GORMAN will sell the above by Public Auction, at their Salerooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock on

WEDNESDAY, 22nd DECEMBER, 1909.

AUBURN.

IMPERATIVE SALE.
COTTAGE RESIDENCE AND LAND.

The Land has a frontage of 132 feet to Cumberland-road, by a depth of 132 feet along Phillip-street. The position is a good one. On it is a well-built brick Cottage, 6 rooms, offices, and outbuildings, with fruit trees, garden, etc.

TORRENS TITLE.

We must realise, and an opportunity now occurs to buy a well-built property at a bargain price.

H. W. HORNING and CO. will sell as above by Public Auction, in the Rooms, 131 Pitt-street, on

THURSDAY, 16 DECEMBER,
AT 11.30 A.M.

BONDI.

ONLY 6 MINUTES FROM OCEAN BEACH.

ETHELMUIR, a well-built W.B. cottage, slate roof, 6 rooms, kitchen, and offices. The land has a frontage of 107 feet to Simpson-street, depth of 122 feet along Francis-street. Apart from the cottage there is sufficient land for 2 other cottages.

THE TITLE IS TORRENS.

H. W. HORNING AND CO. will sell as above by Public Auction, in the Rooms, 131 Pitt-street, on

THURSDAY, 16 DECEMBER,
AT 11.30 A.M.

MOORE PARK, CITY.

A FIRST-CLASS INVESTMENT.

NOS. 97, 99, and 101 FITZROY-STREET. A TERRACE OF 2-STORY BRICK HOUSES, each 6 rooms, kitchen and offices. GROSS RENTS £144 6s PER ANNUM.

The houses are never empty. TORRENS TITLE. The land has a frontage of about 50 feet to Fitzroy-street, depth 75 feet, private lane at rear.

H. W. HORNING AND CO., Auctioneers, will sell as above by Auction, in the Rooms, 131 Pitt-street, on

THURSDAY, 16th DECEMBER,
AT 11.30 A.M.

HURSTVILLE.

LOT 1.—SHOP INVESTMENTS and VACANT LAND, 52ft to Forest-road, depth 129ft along Botany-street, first-class position; 2-story Brick Shop and Dwelling, 5 rooms, shop, kitchen, and stables, etc. The premises are being used as a grocery business.

LOT 2, BOTANY-STREET.—W.B. Butcher's Shop and Dwelling, standing on land having a frontage of 80ft to Botany-street, being Lots 10 and 11, Sec. D, Hurstville Hill Estate.

LOT 3.—VACANT BUILDING SITE, at rear grocer's shop, being Lot 4, Sec. D, Hurstville Hill Estate, 40ft to Botany-street, depth 134ft.

In the Estate — Quinlan, dec.

LOT 4.—LOT 2, SEC. D, HURSTVILLE HILL ESTATE, a capital Building Site, 40ft to Forest-road, depth 132ft.

H. W. HORNING AND CO. have been instructed by Mrs. M. Quinlan to sell by auction, in the Rooms, 131 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 16th Dec., at 11.30 a.m.

Messrs. DAWSON, WALDRON, and GLOVER, Solicitors for the Vendor, 100 Pitt-street, Sydney.

BUILDING MATERIALS. BUILDING MATERIALS.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,
TO-DAY, WEDNESDAY, AT 11 A.M.,
ON THE SITE,
WASHINGTON-STREET, off SUSSEX-STREET,
between BATHURST and DRUITT STREETS,
Comprising:—

20,000 SANDSTOCK BRICKS, all full-size, a good lot.
20 SHEETS of NEW GALVANISED IRON, 60 Second-hand ditto.
2000 FEET H'WOOD JOISTS, 6 x 2½, 5 x 2½.
2000 FEET H'WOOD RAFTERS and CEILING JOISTS, 4 x 2½, 3 x 2.
1000 FEET FLOORING, 500 FEET LINING and PARTITION BOARDS.
500 FEET BATTENS, PANEL DOORS, and LEDGE DOORS.
WINDOW FRAMES and SASHES, WATERPIPING, etc.

A. BARNETT AND HUGH, will sell as above, WITHOUT RESERVE.

THE BEST OF KATOOMBA'S BEAUTY SPOTS.

LILIANFELS PARK - KATOOMBA.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION ON THE GROUND,

BOXING DAY, MONDAY, DEC. 27

COMMENCING AT THREE O'CLOCK.

Lady Northcote's Look-Out,
Leura Falls Look-Out,
The Pinnacle Block,
Castle Rock Look-Out,

THE FINEST CLIFF FRONTAGES, WITH LEVEL BUILDING AREAS ON THE BLUE MOUNTAINS.

ALSO EXCELLENT SITES, FACING OVER LILIANFELS' GROUNDS. SEVERAL LOTS FRONTING THE THREE SISTERS PUBLIC PARK, AND SOME BEAUTIFUL CORNERS.

Grand, Majestic Views over The Jamieson, Mount Solitary, Leura Glen, and Echo Point.

SPECIAL TERMS OF SALE.

£20 DEPOSIT and Balance at 5 per Cent.

Buyers Need Not Pay Any More for Five Years, or can, at their option, Pay Any Amounts at Any Time.

THE ONLY BUILDING COVENANT:—NO HOUSE TO COST LESS THAN £300.

THE BEST ESTATE ON THE MOUNTAINS FOR

COTTAGE HOMES.

PIERCY ETHELL AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, 3 MOORE-STREET, SYDNEY.

Local Agents:—
Goyder Bros., Katoomba.

SEND FOR LITHOS.

TORRENS TITLE.

ONLY TWO MINUTES' WALK FROM TERMINUS OF

SYDNEY-RYDE TRAMWAY,

IN THE HEALTHY FIELD OF MARS DISTRICT.

Secure this opportunity of being first in the Field, and procure an Excellent Residential Site in the

"PIONEER" AND "URORA" ESTATES.

Good Soil. Large Areas, and within a couple of minutes of the Tram to run shortly. The rails are down, so there can be no mistake. The land adjoins "BRERETON HILL" Estate.

NEXT SATURDAY, AT 3 P.M.

TERMS, only £2 per Lot Deposit, balance 5 years at 4½ per cent. Send for Litho. TITLE TORRENS.

'Buses will leave Drummoyne Bridge, Sydney side, on day of Sale.

HUGH DUFF AND CO., AUCTIONEERS,

283 GEORGE-STREET,

HUNTER'S HILL—FIELD OF MARS,
Close to Sydney. Ryde Tram.
RIVERVIEW HEIGHTS ESTATE.

Lots 5, 6, 7, 250ft to EASTERN-CRESCENT, and 80ft to BLAXLAND-STREET, 190ft and 180ft along other sides. Auction Sale on the Ground, Next Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.

HUGH DUFF and CO.,
Auctioneers,
283 GEORGE-STREET.

LINDFIELD.
FOR POSITIVE SALE.

28 Acres 3 roods, bounded on one side by LINDFIELD PARK, and on other side by GOVERNMENT RESERVE, having large frontage to TRYON-ROAD, and being Lots 187 and 188, Parish of Gordon.

HUGH DUFF and CO. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at their SALEROOMS, 283 GEORGE-STREET, on THURSDAY, 16th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m., as above.

CHATSWOOD.—For POSITIVE SALE, Double-fronted BRICK COTTAGE, Waratah-street (3rd Cottage east of Archer-street), brick and cement foundations, tiled roof, tuckpointed front and side to entrance door, containing hall, 4 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, pantry, linen-press, laundry, gas and water, connected with sewer. Land 60 x 180 to 20ft lane at rear. Title Torrens.

HUGH DUFF and CO. have received instructions to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION on THURSDAY, 16th DECEMBER, at 11.30, at their Rooms, 283 George-street, as above.

GALSTON, FOR POSITIVE SALE.

160 Acres, Parish of North Colah, portion of 63 of Parish, and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown grant, old orchard and bush land, good water supply.

HUGH DUFF and CO. have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, ON THURSDAY, 16th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m., as above.

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19 CARDWELL-STREET, BALMAIN.

An Old WEATHERBOARD COTTAGE, shingle roof, and containing 4 rooms and kitchen.

Land 30 x 90. Title, Freehold.

FOR POSITIVE SALE, TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS.

W. J. LAWS has received instructions to sell by auction, in the Sale Rooms, 365 Darling-street, Balmain, on SATURDAY, December 11th, 1909, at 3.15 p.m.,

The above Property.

BALMAIN.

To Close Accounts in a Deceased Estate.

MORT, CAMERON, AND COLLEGE STREETS.

A BUILDER'S BLOCK, having a frontage of 172ft to Cameron-street, by a depth of 92ft along Mort-street and College-street. Title, Freehold.

The demand for Modern Cottages is ever increasing, and the opportunity is now made by this land being brought into the market.

W. J. LAWS has received instructions to sell by auction, in the Sale Rooms, 365 Darling-street, Balmain, on SATURDAY, 11th December, 1909, at 3.15 p.m.,

The above Splendid Block of Land.

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4 TERRY-STREET, BALMAIN.

SUBSTANTIAL BRICK HOUSE, slate roof, and containing drawing and dining rooms, 4 bedrooms, hall, modern laundry, bathroom, hot and cold water service, balcony and verandah, stable and coach-house, in splendid order.

Land 40 x 81. Torrens Title.

W. J. LAWS has received instructions to sell by auction at the Sale Rooms, 365 Darling-street, Balmain, on SATURDAY, 11th December, 1909, at 3.15 p.m.,

The above House.

NORTH SYDNEY.

CRANSTON and MITCHELL will sell by public auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., on the Premises, No. 1 Cairo-street, North Sydney, Household Furniture and Effects, consisting of Tables, Chairs, Chiffoniers, Bedsteads, Kitchen and Laundry Utensils, etc., etc.

NO RESERVE. TERMS, CASH.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

NORTH SYDNEY.

At the Rooms, Walker and Blue streets,
WEDNESDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 1909, at 11 a.m.

10a FALCON-ST, N. SYDNEY.—Semi.-det. Single-frtd. Bk. Cottage, 5 rms., kit., etc., land 20 x 150. Tor.

21 ELIZABETH-ST, N. SYDNEY.—Det. Single-frtd. Bk. House, 4 rms., kit., etc., land 17 x 117½. Freehold.

CLARKE and SOLOMONS, Walker and Blue streets, North Sydney, and at McMahon's Point (right at ferry), will sell as above. Telephone, 6 N.S.

NORTH SYDNEY.

AUCTION SALE, ON THE GROUND,
CARLOW-STREET, OPP. RESERVE,
and close to Ridge-street 1d Section.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th, 1909,
at 3.30 p.m.

Two Fine Building Allotments, each 45¼ x 330, with small Shop thereon; also (immediately adjoining), fine Block of Land, 40ft 9in x 330, on which is erected a Brick House, containing 4 rooms, kitchen, and offices, Weatherboard Cottage of 5 rooms, kitchen, etc., at rear. Title Freehold.

CLARKE and SOLOMONS, Walker and Blue streets, North Sydney, and at M'Mahon's Point (right at ferry), will sell as above. Telephone, 6 N.S.

SALVAGE.

FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER,
AT SAXTON and BINNS' TIMBER YARD, PYRMONT
(Scene of the late Fire),
AT 11 A.M.

ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

WITH ALL FAULTS.

Under instructions from Messrs. SAXTON and BINNS, Ltd.

One 50 NOMINAL HORSE-POWER (T. Robinson and Sons) ENGINE, ALLAN EXPANSION GEAR, 22 x 44; ROPE-DRIVEN FLYWHEEL, 11 Grooves.

One 30 NOMINAL HORSE-POWER (T. Robinson and Son's) ENGINE, 18 x 36 ALLAN EXPANSION GEAR.

One BELLIS MORCOM HIGH-SPEED ENGINE AND GENERATOR, complete, 12 x 19 x 9, including Feed Water-heater Copper Coil.

One TANGYE ENGINE, about 10 horse-power.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., have received instructions to sell by auction the above.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 8th DECEMBER,
at the CITY MART, 8 SPRING-STREET.
AT 11.30 A.M.

1 DARRACQ MOTOR CAR, 10-12 h.p., 2 cylinders, Battery and Bosch Magneto Ignitions, almost new Continental square, tread tyres, side entrance, touring body, to seat 5 persons. Engine has just been overhauled, and all parts in excellent order.

Also,

A FORD RUNABOUT, 15-horse power, 4 cylinders, to seat 2, two large accumulators, three new tyres, engine fitted with all new bearings, and car has just been overhauled, and is in excellent condition.

Further particulars can be had from the Auctioneers, and trials will be given to intending purchasers.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., will sell by auction, the above.

IN BANKRUPTCY.
ESTATE OF GEORGE S. ING, OF HERCULES-STREET, ASHFIELD, JEWELLER.
Under instructions from
C. F. W. LLOYD, Esq., OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE.
AT THE CENTRAL AUCTION ROOM, 274 PITT-ST.,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14th, at 11 a.m.
STOCK-IN-TRADE.
Jewellery, Spectacles, Handbags, etc.
Glass Case, Shop Fittings.
Outside Lamp and Shop Lamp.

A. G. JENKINS will as above on TUESDAY.

THIS DAY.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street,

The Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. R. Spilsbury, of 118 Forbes-street, Woolloomooloo.

At 11 o'clock: Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.

At 2 o'clock: [illegible]

AT MORT'S DOCK, BALMAIN,

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY,
AT 11.30 SHARP.

FOR POSITIVE SALE BY AUCTION,
ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE,

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE AGENTS,

THE DISMANTLED RIGGING

OF THE GERMAN BARQUE BERTHA,

comprising

SAILS, ROPE, STANDING AND RUNNING RIGGING, TOPGALLANT MAST, ROYAL YARD, Etc., Etc.

S. H. HARRIS AND COMPANY will SELL as above.

STEAMER leaves Balmain Ferry for Yeend-street Wharf (Mort's Dock) every 20 minutes.

TO-MORROW, DECEMBER 9th,
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK SHARP.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,
AT OUR SALEROOMS, 56 YORK-STREET,
of
HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE,
Removed from a Residence at Pymble,
on account of the Owner leaving the State.

Including:—
GLASS, CHINA, AND ELECTROPLATE.

MASSIVE DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, IN SOLID OAK,
Beautifully Finished, with Elaborate Carvings.,

Consisting of
A NOBLE SIDEBOARD,

The Back Fitted with Bevelled Centre Mirror, Top and Side Brackets for Bric-a-Brac, etc., the under part with Enclosed Cupboard, Open Recesses, and Drawers. SIZE, 7 FEET.

LOFTY OVERMANTEL, EN SUITE.
3-TIER DINNER WAGGON TO MATCH,
Fitted with Centre Drawers, etc.

TELESCOPE DINING TABLE,
Fitted with Patent Screw and Spare Leaves, Extending 12 feet.

THE DINING-ROOM SUITE,
Consisting of Comfortable Couch, Ladies' and Gent.'s Easy Arm Chairs and 8 Dining-room Chairs en suite, Upholstered in Maroon Morocco.

Also,
MAGNIFICENT BEDROOM SUITE,
in Ash and Walnut, with Bird's-eye Maple Panels,
comprising:—
Wardrobe, 6 feet, Pair Toilets to match, Pedestal Cupboard, Commode, and Towel Rail to correspond.

Manufactured by the well-known firm of
ROBERTSON and MOFFATT, MELBOURNE.

SEVERAL OTHER BEDROOM SUITES.
☞ HANDSOME SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARD,
with Canopy Top, fitted with Under Cupboards, Cellarette, etc.
SUPERIOR SUITE OF 8 DARK OAK CHAIRS.
OCCASIONAL DRAWING-ROOM CHAIRS,
TABLES, SETTEES, STANDS, Etc.
AXMINSTER AND BRUSSELS CARPETS,
DRESSER, LINEN PRESS, CABINETS, Etc.,
Etc., Etc.
Also to be sold, at Twelve O'clock Sharp,
QUANTITY TOYS AND STATIONERY, LEDGERS,
Journals, Cash Books, and Sundries.

ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

DEAN AND CO.
(D. H. VALANTINE, Auctioneer),
General Auctioneers, 56 York-street.
TELEPHONE, 3673.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 8th DECEMBER,
at 11 o'clock.

By Order of the METROPOLITAN BOARD of WATER SUPPLY and SEWERAGE, at New Reservoir, Howard-street, Randwick.

Clearance Sale of BUILDERS' and CONTRACTORS' TIMBER, PLANKS, JOISTS, SCANTLING, and POLES, OREGON and HARDWOOD. Also Contractor's OFFICE, STEEL RAILS, TRUCKS, etc. In Lots.

R. G. WATKINS and CO., 107 Kent-street, will Sell, ON THE SITE, as above, WITHOUT RESERVE.

COOGEE.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, DEC. 9th, at 11 o'clock,
On the Premises,
"SIDBURY,"

BELMORE-ROAD, COOGEE (leave tram at Royal Hotel). Splendid Toned BORD Piano, iron frame; and the Furnishings of 7 large Rooms, comprising:—

Very Handsome-designed Sideboard, S. Walnut, 5ft 6in, fitted with drawer and cellarette, and large plate-gl. back; Solid Walnut Overmantels, very latest design; Royal Axminster Carpet, in use 5 months, in dark crimson; Rattan Chairs, Sea Grass Lounge Chairs, all Floor Coverings, in good Linoa and Oilcloth, in use only 5 months; Glass Sliding Dresser, Safe, Sundries, Bedrooms; Double and ¾ and Single Bedsteads, with Linen; Chest of Drawers; Art Combinations, W'stands and Ware, etc., etc.

E. HEBDEN BROODRIBB, Auctioneer, having received instructions to sell the above WITHOUT SLIGHTEST RESERVE. TERMS CASH.

GREER'S HOUSEHOLD AMMONIA (Cloudy) turns work into play, makes washing day welcome, saving soap, time, and labour. Try it. [illegible]

TO GROCERS, TEA MERCHANTS, PROVISION DEALERS.

CLEARING-OUT SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
TO-DAY, WED., at 11 o'clock, on the Premises,
180 JERSEY-ROAD, PADDINGTON,
BELLEVUE HILL TRAM STOPS AT THE SHOP.

A Nice Selected Stock of GROCERIES.

Teas, in bulk and packets; Coffee, Coffee Essence, Cocoas, Reckitt's Starch and Blue, Jams and Jellies, Golden Syrup, Candles, Salmon, Morton's Herrings, Sardines, Sunlight Soap, Parsons' Sand-soap, Tomato Sauce, Devilled Ham, Champion's Vinegar, Condensed Milk, Lucca Oil, Lea and Perrin's Sauce, Biscuits.

SCALES, COFFEE MILL, BISCUIT TINS, Etc., Etc.

DALWOOD AND CO., LTD., have received instructions from Mr. JOHNSTON to sell as above, WITHOUT RESERVE.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE
of
RICHMOND RIVER PINE, CEDAR, and SILKY OAK,
THIS DAY,
DEC. 8, at 3 p.m.
On the Premises, adjoining
Messrs. GORDON MARR'S ENGINEERING WORKS,
MILLER-STREET, PYRMONT.

JAMES COWAN,
BUILDERS' EXCHANGE,

has received instructions from the RICHMOND RIVER TIMBER COMPANY, Limited, to sell in Lots—

20,000ft 4 x 1 T. and G. PINE FLOORING.
15,000ft 6 x 1 T. and G. PINE FLOORING.
3,000ft 4 x ¾ T. and G. V JOINTED LINING.
15,000ft SAWN PINE, ½, ¾, 1in, 1¼, 1½, and 2in.
5,000ft SILKY OAK, BOARDS and SQUARES.
10,000ft SAWN DRY CEDAR BOARDS and JUNK.
3,000ft SAWN BROWN BEECH.
2,000ft SAWN RED BEAN.
2,000ft 4 x ¾ RED SILKY OAK.

☞ The Auctioneer takes this opportunity to remind clients that the various lots to be sold comprise the balance of the Stocks held by the above Timber Company.

TERMS CASH.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE
OF BUILDING MATERIALS, contained in
20 HOUSES, WATTLE-STREET, ULTIMO,
opp. John Bridge and Co., Limited.
TO-MORROW,
DECEMBER 9, at 11 o'clock.

JAMES COWAN has received instructions from J. D. COWLING, Demolition Contractor, to sell in lots to suit purchasers:—

10,000ft 6 x ½ T. and G. LINING.
5,000ft 6 x 1 T. and G. KAURI.
5,000ft 6 x 1 HARDWOOD.
5,000ft 6 x 1 PARTITION LINING.
10,000ft OREGON and H'WOOD BATTENS.
100,000 FULL-SIZED SANDSTOCK BRICKS.
300/24 3 x 2 RAFTERS.
300/12, 10, 15 feet, 6 x 2½, H'WOOD.
500 Sheets Galvanised Iron, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 feet.
100 LEDGE DOORS.
50 HALF GLASS DOORS.
80 4-PANELLED DOORS.
60 BOX FRAMES.
300ft PICKET FENCING.
MANTELS and GRATES, SANITARY FITTINGS, GAS and WATER PIPING, and SUNDRIES.

TERMS CASH.

TO-MORROW, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

UNREDEEMED CLOTHING SALE.

J. RUSSELL JONES has received instructions from the N.S.W. MONT DE PIETE CO., Ltd., of 78 Castlereagh-street, and 155 George-street West, to sell by auction, at his Rooms,

18 ENMORE-ROAD, ENMORE (near Railway Bridge),

All the Unredeemed Pledges of Clothing as advertised in this paper of the 1st inst., consisting of Underclothing, Dress Suits, Boots, Remnants, Overcoats, Suits, Sheets, etc.

TERMS—CASH.

AT ARUNDEL, REDMYRE-ROAD, STRATHFIELD, NEAR STATION,

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, 2 P.M.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION OF
COLLARD AND COLLARD PIANOFORTE,
SIDEBOARD, DINING TABLE, BOOKCASE,
NUMBER VALUABLE BOOKS,
SMALL COLLECTION BRIC-A-BRAC,
QUANTITY USEFUL SURPLUS FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.
See full particulars to-morrow.

STRONGMAN, WATSON, & HAWKINS,
Auctioneers for Vendor, Mr. Downes.

THIS DAY,

HENRY LEVY will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 639 George-street, Haymarket,

The Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. Jacob Aaron, of 172 Regent-street, Redfern.

At 2 o'clock, Gold Rings, Brooches, Bangles, Watches, etc. At 3 o'clock, Clothing, Underclothing, Boots, Bed Linen, etc.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30 P.M.

J. F. HEGERTY is instructed to sell by Public Auction, on account of Tighe and Son, Grocers, Wollongong-road, near Arncliffe Station,

STOCK IN TRADE OF GENERAL GROCERIES.
WEIGHTS, SCALES.
HORSE, VAN, HARNESS, set of good BUGGY HARNESS, Lady's and Gent.'s SADDLES,
2 TONS NEWCASTLE COAL.
SUNDRIES, ETC.
NO RESERVE. TERMS CASH.

J. F. HEGERTY, AUCTIONEER,
ROCKDALE.
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THE SYDNEY MAIL.

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AUCTION SALES.

"HILLINGDON,"
SMITH-STREET, SUMMER HILL.

THERE WILL BE HELD A MOST IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,
AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS,
THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY,
AND CONTINUED
TO-MORROW, THURSDAY,
EACH DAY AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.
BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTORS
LATE EDWARD RUMSEY.
HIS HISTORIC COLLECTIONS
of
FINE OLD ENGLISH SILVER
and
SHEFFIELD PLATE,
And
THE UNIQUE COLLECTION OF
OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN.
Also
THE COMPLETE FURNISHINGS
and
VALUABLE APPOINTMENTS
of
"HILLINGDON."
INCLUDING—
SUPERB LIPP PIANOFORTE,
FULL UPRIGHT GRAND, IN HANDSOME WALNUT CASE.
UPRIGHT GRAND VICTOR PIANOFORTE.
THE ROYAL PIANO PLAYER,
In handsome Rosewood Case, by CHASE and BAKER, NEW YORK.
Also
HIGH-CLASS VICTORIA,
BUILT SPECIALLY to ORDER by ANGUS and SON.
FULL SET BRASS-MOUNTED ENGLISH HARNESS,
FINE UPSTANDING BAY HORSE,
COMPLETE SUIT OF COACHMAN'S LIVERY,
etc., etc.

NOTE.—HILLINGDON will be open for Inspection THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, PRIOR TO SALE.

☞ CATALOGUES obtainable at the RESIDENCE.

ALTERED TRAIN SERVICE.
CONVENIENT TRAINS WILL LEAVE SYDNEY STATION FOR SUMMER HILL as under:—9.35, 10.37, 11.35 a.m., and 12.35 p.m.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
FINE ART, FURNITURE, AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
128 and 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.
TELEPHONE, 2056 CENTRAL.

IMPORTANT PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

TURRAMURRA.

HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION,
Under Instructions from
W. J. ADAMS, ESQ.,
In consequence of his projected departure for Europe.
NEXT WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
15th and 16th DECEMBER, EACH DAY AT 11 O'CLOCK,
AT THE RESIDENCE,
"COOINOO,"
BOYD and KISSING POINT ROADS,
TURRAMURRA.
THE WHOLE OF HIS
VALUABLE MODERN FURNITURE
and
MAGNIFICENT HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS.
PIANOFORTES,
by
C. BECHSTEIN and JOHN BRINSMEAD and SONS.
LATEST IMPROVED FULL-SIZE BILLIARD TABLE, by HEIRON and SMITH.
PARK PHAETON, SULKY, HORSES, COWS, etc., etc.
Also
TWO VALUABLE MOTOR CARS.
FIAT and CADILLAC.
BOTH PRACTICALLY NEW.

☞ FULL PARTICULARS will appear in next Saturday's Advertisements.

☞ CATALOGUES, NOW READY, may be had free per post on application to the Auctioneers.

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FINE ART, FURNITURE, and GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
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TELEPHONE, 2056 CENTRAL.

MACQUARIE HOUSE,
129, 131 MACQUARIE-STREET
(overlooking Government House Grounds).
IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE,
to be held on
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,
16th and 17th DECEMBER, AT 11 A.M.,
Under instructions from
MRS. HINTON.
The Whole of the
SUPERIOR FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS
contained in
THE TWO RESIDENCES
KNOWN AS MACQUARIE HOUSE,
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.
Including:—
GLASS, CHINA, AND ELECTROPLATE.
LIPP PIANOFORTE,
BOUDOIR GRAND, IN WALNUT CASE, BY THE GREAT MAKERS, RICHARD LIPP AND SOHN, STUTTGART. A SUPERB INSTRUMENT, IN VERY FINE ORDER.
Also,
SCHWECHTEN PIANOFORTE,
UPRIGHT GRAND, IN HIGHLY-FINISHED WALNUT CASE.
FULL-SIZE BILLIARD TABLE,
WITH HEIRON AND SMITH'S IMPROVED LOW CUSHIONS, IN EXCELLENT ORDER, TOGETHER WITH ACCESSORIES.
THE COMPLETE FURNITURE
for
FIFTY BEDROOMS.
THE FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS
for
ENTRANCE HALLS,
DINING-ROOM, DRAWING-ROOM,
SITTING-ROOMS.
KITCHENS, PANTRIES, OFFICES.
Etc., Etc., Etc.

☞ CATALOGUES NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE AUCTIONEERS, FREE PER POST ON APPLICATION.

☞ ON VIEW WEDNESDAY, 15th DECEMBER, FROM 10 O'CLOCK A.M. TO 5 O'CLOCK P.M.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
AUCTIONEERS,
128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.
TELEPHONE, 2056 CENTRAL.

ABRIDGED NOTICE.
ATTRACTIVE AUCTION SALE,
ON FRIDAY NEXT, 10th INST.,
AT THE RESIDENCE, 12 KELLETT-STREET
(rear Mansions Hotel), DARLINGHURST,
Under instructions from Mrs. WAGNER (leaving the State).
THE WHOLE OF THE DINING, DR., HALL, AND B.R. FURNITURE CONTAINED THEREIN.
Fuller particulars will appear in To-morrow's and Friday's issues.

HERMAN COHEN AND SON,
AUCTIONEERS,
City Mart: 84 George-street West.
Branch: 4 Johnston-street, Annandale.
'Phones: 180 Glebe, and 535 Petersham.

THE HORSE AND JOCKEY SALEYARDS, HOMEBUSH, THIS DAY, AT 11.30.

E. P. PEARCE will sell, on account of Mr. C. M'INTOSH, and others,
12 Newly-calved Cows, with calves at foot.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.
MOSMAN.
HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,
on
TUESDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 14,
AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.
Under Instructions from
H. MACCALLUM, ESQ.,
in consequence of relinquishing housekeeping,
at
"THE TROSSACHS,"
REDAN-STREET, MOSMAN.
THE WHOLE OF HIS
VALUABLE MODERN FURNITURE
and
COSTLY HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS.
VALUABLE PIANOFORTE,
Full Upright Grand, in handsome Burr Walnut Case, by the well-known maker C. VOGLER, STUTTGART.
Etc., Etc.

☞ CATALOGUES, now ready, will be forwarded free per post on application to the Auctioneers.

☞ FULL PARTICULARS will be advertised in next Saturday's "Herald" and "Telegraph."

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FINE ART, FURNITURE, AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
128 and 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.
TELEPHONE, 2056 CENTRAL.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.
AT 10.30 A.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness; Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1831.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.
CAMPERDOWN YARDS,
THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY,
AT 2 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above,
On account MESSRS. PRATLEY and MARSHALL, Orange,
40 FIRST-CLASS HORSES,
comprising
7 Good-quality Polo Ponies, with substance, 13 to 14.2, high bred, by SIR FRANCIS SUTTOR, unbroken, including a full sister to MARIE LLOYD, winner of many races at Kensington; Brown Gelding, 5 years, a natural pacer, by HUON JR., dam a PICANINNY MARE, broken to saddle and har., thoroughly quiet; Black Pony Gelding, 6 years, a natural pacer, 14 hands, by TUXEDO (imp.), broken to sad. and har.; Chestnut Pacing Gelding, 5 years, by HUON JR., broken to sad. and har.; 2 first-class Buggy Mares (brown and chestnut), 15.2 high, 6 years (one by HUON JR.), broken to sad. and har.; 2 splendid black harness Cobs, 14 hands; Piebald Pony Mare, can trot 3 minutes; Piebald Gelding, a good van horse. The balance good, useful business cart and cab horses, and 1 draught colt.

On account Mr. J. ENRIGHT, West Maitland.
10 High-class Horses, comprising 3 Heavy Draught Geldings, a Pair of Bay Carriage Geldings; thickset Bay Gelding, suitable for merchant's cart, a prize-taker, balance strong upstanding Harness Horses. All broken in, ready for immediate use.

On account Mr. J. G. MARKHAM, West Maitland.
12 Heavy and Medium Draughts, and strong upstanding Light Harness and Saddle Horses, 4 to 6 yrs. old, broken and unbroken.

On account Mr. J. O'NEIL.
Bay Filly, 2 years, by the trotting sire Britannic from a Tuxedo mare, unbroken.

On account Owner.
Black Gelding, broken to harness, suit spring van.

On account of Mr. W. DUNN.
Dark Brown Gelding, 5 years, by Yorkie, broken to harness, suit a van.

On account Mr. F. POST, Erskineville.
Brown Gelding, broken in, fit for light work.

On account of Mr. JNO. DALE, Rooty Hill.
Black Draught Gelding and 1 Light Bay Draught Mare, broken in.

On account SOUTHERN AGENTS, Goulburn.
15 Superior Light Harness Horses and Ponies, all the right ages for work, in good condition, principally broken in.
Included in the lot is a very CHOICE PAIR of BLACK PONIES, worthy of buyers' special attention.

On account of Mr. F. DURBAN, Smithfield.
Upstanding Brown Mare, 6yrs, broken to harness.

On account of the OWNERS.
15 Useful Harness Horses and Draughts, all broken in, ready for immediate use.

SUPERIOR BENT-SHAFT SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. CAMPBELL to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Brown Cob Gelding, 14 hands, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness, stylish mover, make a good polo pony, first-class bent-shaft Sulky, and Harness, in perfect order.

HIGH-CLASS DOGCART TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. E. BECKETT to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
BRITISH LION, bay gelding, 6yrs, by Logan Briton (imp.), from Hattie Weir (imp.), quiet and reliable, any trial, splendid goer, English Dogcart, and Set of Rubber and Gold Harness, in good repair.

UPSTANDING BAY MARE, SULKY, AND SET OF DOGCART HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. JESSEN to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Upstanding Bay Mare, 6yrs, thoroughly quiet in sad. and harness, used to traffic, Sulky, and Set of B.-mtd. Dogcart Harness.

SADDLE AND HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Bay Gelding, broken to saddle and harness.

STYLISH HARNESS HORSE, FROM WEST MAITLAND.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Enright, West Maitland, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Handsome Dappled Grey Gelding, 5 years, 16 hands, very reliable, showy, and fast, lady can drive.

RELIABLE S. AND H. PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. N. J. Maher, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Brown Pony Mare, about 11.2, broken to saddle and harness, used to children.

USEFUL HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. Bryant to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Roan Gelding, any trial, suit a tradesman's cart.

RACING PONY ZEPHYR.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Gravener, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
ZEPHYR, ch m, 13.3, by Zariff, from a Bronte mare. Full particulars at sale.

HIGH-CLASS S. AND H. HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. P. Quinn, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Brown Gelding, 6 years, 16 hands, thoroughly quiet for a lady to ride or drive, used to trams and motors, suit a cab or Victoria, being sold as owner has no further use for him.

TO GRAZIERS, DAIRYMEN, DEALERS, AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. S. A. Hilliger, Ferndale, Tomerong, to sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, To-morrow, THURSDAY,
20 Cows and Heifers, about half the number in calf.

MILCH COWS. MILCH COWS.
INGLIS AND SON'S RAILWAY STOCK SALEYARDS,
827 GEORGE-STREET.
TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell as above, on account of Messrs. D. Buffier, McIntosh Bros., and others,
80 First-class Milch Cows, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.

8 MILCH COWS, FROM BRINGELLY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Anschau to sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, at 11 a.m.,
8 First-class Milch Cows, with calves at foot.

PURE-BRED AYRSHIRE COW AND CALF.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. D. Buffier to sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, TO-MORROW, Thursday, at 11 a.m. sharp,
Pure-bred Ayrshire Cow (bred by Mr. R. H. Antill, of Picton), on her third calf, giving 30 quarts per day. This is one of the best seen at the City Yards for years. Note time of Sale: 11 o'clock sharp.

TWO CHOICE CHILDREN'S PONIES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. W. Perry, Ingleburn, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, Thursday, at 12 o'clock,
PEARL, Creamy Pony, 10 hands, and BROWNIE, Brown Pony, 11 hands, both thoroughly broken to saddle and harness, quiet for children. Highly recommended.

TO DAIRYMEN, DEALERS, AND OTHERS.
POSITIVE UNRESERVED SALE
of a
FIRST-CLASS DAIRY PLANT,
on the Premises,
COWLES-ROAD, MOSMAN'S BAY,
WEDNESDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 15,
AT 2.30 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. THOS. CONWAY to sell by auction, as above,
40 First-class Cows (38 in full milk and 2 dry).
2 Reliable Harness Horses.
1 Milkcart and Harness, Cans, Measures, and all Dairy Utensils; also,
Milk Run, doing about 100 gallons per day.
The above is being sold solely on account of Mr. Conway's intended departure from the State. The plant will first be offered as a going concern, and if not disposed of in this way will be split up in lots to suit purchasers.

ST. MARYS CATTLE SALE.
FRIDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 10th,
AT 1 O'CLOCK.
600 HEAD. 600

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, as above, when they will offer the following, viz.:—
200 Steers and young Bullocks, 1 to 3 years old.
90 Mixed Cattle, principally Dairy Heifers and Steers, 12 months to 3 years old.
20 Choice Grade Jersey Heifers, 2 years old, a real good lot.
20 Choice Springing Heifers, 2½ years old, forward in calf.
60 Head, comprising 10 good Store Cows, 10 Dairy Heifers, 1½ to 2 yrs. old; 40 Mixed Steers and Heifers, 12 to 18 months old. All good colours, and in good condition.
35 Springing Cows and Heifers and newly-calved Cows.
50 young Cattle principally.
75 Head, comprising Store Cows, Heifers, and Steers.
80 Heifers and Steers, 9 months to 2 years old.
50 Steers, 1 to 2 years old.

TRAIN leaves Sydney at 10.30 a.m., returning at 5.42 and 8.47 p.m.

BLACKTOWN CATTLE SALE.
SATURDAY, 11th NOVEMBER, AT 1.30 P.M.
250 CATTLE. 250

A. McILLREE and CO. will hold their usual MONTHLY AUCTION SALE of DAIRY and STORE CATTLE in their BLACKTOWN YARDS, as above, INCLUDING SOME CHOICE SPRINGERS, CLOSE TO WORK.
30 Steers, 18 months to 2 years old, good colours.
50 Heifers, 2 to 3 years, Jersey and Ayrshire cross, in good condition.
40 Steers, 2 to 2½ years, good colours.
30 Choice Dairy Heifers, in good condition, 18 months to 2 years.
25 Choice Springing Heifers, splendid quality, good condition.
30 Store Cows, good sorts.
40 Mixed Cattle, principally Steers and Heifers.
NOTE.—Trains leave Sydney 10.30 a.m. and 12.28 p.m., with a frequent return service.
Further entries invited.
A. McILLREE and CO.,
Auctioneers, 56 Hunter-street.

PRODUCE SALES will be held TO-DAY, as under:—
MARSUPIAL SKINS, at 9.30 a.m.
OPOSSUM and RABBIT SKINS, at 2 p.m.
LEATHER, at 11.45 a.m., at the Stores of Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., and Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.

WOOL SALES will be held TO-DAY, WEDNESDAY, at the Sydney Wool Exchange, at 3 p.m., as under:—
Hill, Clark, and Co., Ltd., 2521 bales.
Schute, Bell, and Co., Ltd., 2140 bales.
John Bridge and Co., Ltd., 4944 bales.

THE CO-OPERATIVE WOOL and PRODUCE CO., Ltd., will offer, at the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, TO-DAY, Marsupials, Opossums, Rabbits, at 9.30 a.m.; THURSDAY, Tallow, at 2.30 p.m.

TO LET.

ALL users of Painting Material may rely upon getting PURE PAINTS at lowest prices from JAMES SANDY and CO., Limited, 326-328 George-street, who have made a Speciality of the Paint, Wall Papers, and Window Glass Trade for over 50 years.

AT Rose Bay.—2 modern brick and stone Cottages, 25s per week. App. Clar Innis, Newcastle-st., R. Bay.

A MODERN COTTAGE, 5 rooms, rent 16s. Apply 207 Johnston-st., Annandale.

AT 54 Gordon-st, Paddington, close Cent. Park.—HOUSE, 20s. Walter Rush and Co., Edgecliff.

AT 18 SIMS-ST, off Flinders-st, Darlinghurst.—HOUSE, 5 rooms, 11s. Walter Rush and Co.

AT EDGECLIFF.—Cottages and Houses. Walter Rush and Co., 259 New South Head-rd, Edgecliff.

AN up-to-date COTTAGE to LET. 128 Edgeware-rd, Enmore. Key at 122.

A COMPACT STORE of 2 floors, No. 38 York-street, close to King-street. Rent, £2 weekly; cheap. Apply HARDIE and GORMAN, 133 Pitt-street.

A PROFESSIONAL RESIDENCE, ELIZABETH-ST, HYDE PARK, close to Market-street, containing 8 rooms and offices. Immediate possession. Apply HARDIE and GORMAN, 133 Pitt-street.

A—CLARENCE-STREET. SPLENDID FLOOR, space about 2000ft, fine building, good position, well lighted, electric goods lift, etc. IBELS and MACDERMOTT, 68½ Pitt-st. T., City 1054.

AT STANMORE.—NATAL, WILLIAM-STREET, Det. COTTAGE, 4 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, laundry. MARSHALL and DEMPSTER, Pitt-street, opp. G.P.O.

ANNANDALE.—Pretty COTTAGES, in Young-st, 14s, and Annandale-st, 15s, 4 rooms, kitchen, pantry, laundry, bath, stove. CHAPMAN and HAZLEWOOD, 127 King-street.

A—WELL-LIGHTED FLOORS TO LET, each 50 x 60 feet, CENTRE CITY. GOODS and PASSENGER LIFTS. Apply J. T. WALL and CO., 80A Pitt-street. Tel., City 2787.

AT BONDI.—9-room HOUSE, beautiful position, a most comfortable home, rent 21s week. J. H. COYLE and CO., Challis House, Martin-place; or Five-ways, Glenmore-road, Paddington.

AT QUEEN'S-AV., RUSHCUTTER BAY, foot Waratah-st.—RESIDENCE, 8 rooms and outoffices, garden, harbour views, £112 year. WALTER RUSH and CO., 259 New South Head-road, Edgecliff.

A.A.—EASTERN SUBURBS Properties to Let. WALTER RUSH and CO., Woollahra and Edgecliff (take Waverley-Bondi trams to Queen-st, Woollahra, or King-street, trams to Ocean-street, Edgecliff).

A LARGE WAREHOUSE BUILDING is about to be erected in Reiby-lane, city, containing 5 floors and basement, excellently lighted back and front, average space on each floor 60ft x 40ft, goods and passenger lifts provided, also cart dock. Building will be erected to suit tenants, who may rent single floors or more, as required. Early application is desired. Plans and all particulars obtainable from WM. CHAS. ROSENTHAL, Architect, 684 Pitt-street, city.

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RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.,
98 PITT-STREET.
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DECEMBER
TO LET LIST
FORWARDED ON APPLICATION.

AT DARLINGHURST, Orwell-street.—Large House, 10 rooms, bathrooms, and every convenience. Rent 35s.
DARLINGHURST, Orwell-st.—House, 4 rooms, kitchen, laundry, bath, etc. Rent, 11s per week.
ENMORE, Juliett-st.—Cottage, 5 rooms, kitchen, laundry, bathroom, and every convenience. Rent, 16s.
ENMORE, Scouller-street.—Cottage, 4 rms., kitchen, laundry, bathroom, etc. Rent 13s per week.
LEICHHARDT, Marlborough-st.—Cottage, 5 rooms, kitchen, laundry, bathroom, etc. Rent, 10s 6d per week.
SYDNEY C. FRASER, ESTATE AGENT,
49 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, SYDNEY
(LATE BENJAMIN JAMES).
'Phone: 2582 City.

AT ENMORE.—Brick Cottage, 4 rooms, hall, kitchen and all offices. Rent 10s week.
ASHFIELD.—New Brick Cottages, 3 rooms, hall, kitchen, and all offices, 12s 6d, 14s week.
ASHFIELD.—Comfortable detached D.F. Cottage, 4 rooms, hall, kitchen and all offices, 14s.
STANMORE, South Annandale.—Brick Residence, 5 rooms, hall, kit., and all offices, 17s week.
CROYDON.—Superior Brick Cottages, 6 rooms, kitchen, and all offices, 16s week.
ASHFIELD.—Very choice modern brick Cottages, 5 and 6 rooms, hall, kit., and all offices, 22s 6d, 25s wk.
ASHFIELD.—Gentleman's brick Residence, 7 to 10 rooms, kit., and offices, large area, £65 to £120 yr.
GEO. E. WEATHERILL, Ashfield; and 113 Pitt-st. Offices open to-day till 6 p.m. Drive to inspect.

ALLDIS AND CO., LIMITED,
Estate Agents, Bondi Junction,
HAVE TO LET—
WAVERLEY.—Det. Gent.'s Residence, select position, 8 rooms, kitchen, and complete offices, nice grounds, stabling, rent £8 mth.
BONDI.—Det. D.F. Cottage, close park and beach, 6 rooms, hall, kitchen and all conveniences, rent 20s.
WAVERLEY-RANDWICK.—Fine Det. D.F. Cottage Residence, unique position, 7 rooms, hall, kitchen, and complete offices, nice garden and lawn, rent 25s.
WAVERLEY.—Nice House, close tram, containing 7 rooms, hall, kitchen, etc, select position, rent only 21s.
BONDI.—New Det. D.F. Cottage, close beach and tram, harbour view, 6 rooms, kitchen, etc, rent 21s.
And others too numerous to particularise.

BONDI.—Artistic brick Cottages, 4 to 6 rms., all convs., close tram, beach. E. Vickery, 78 Pitt-st.

BELLEVUE HILL Tram, close Junction.—MODERN HOUSE, 20s. Walter Rush and Co., Woollahra.

BONDI.—Langlee-av., close park, New Cottage, five rooms, kitchen. Keys Ben Venue, Flood-st, Bondi.

BONDI JUNCT.—Kyamba, Adelaide-st. Comf. Furn. Room vacant, sm. adult fam., board opt., suit gent.

BRIGHTON-LE-SANDS.—Furn. Cottage, 3 bedrms., din.-rm., piano, gas stove. Smith, Rockdale P.O.

BELLEVUE HILL, close tram.—Det. Bk. Cottage, contg. drawing, dining, and breakfast rooms, 3 bedrooms, kit., etc., nice lawn and garden. Rent, 30s. (272) H. W. HORNING and CO., 131 Pitt-street.

BRONTE.—Gentleman's Residence, or good Boarding-house, large number of rooms, lot of ground, verandahs, balconies, ocean views, short distance from surf beach, rent £2. Slocombe, 112 Castlereagh-street.

BURWOOD, Burelia-st.—DETACHED COTTAGE, with good garden space, contg. 6 rooms and offices, to be renovated. Apply PERPETUAL TRUSTEE CO., Ltd., 2, 4, and 6 Spring-street, Sydney.

BONDI JUNCTION, No. 31 Llandaff-st, close to 2d sec. tram, select position.—Compact House, 5 rs., and kit., bath, etc., every convenience, good order, 16s. Key No. 3. C. F. LEE, 133 King-street.

BONDI JUNCTION, 360 OXFORD-STREET, near Rowe-street.—SHOP and DWELLING, 4 rms. and kitchen, all conveniences, 24s wk. J. W. CRANE, Ocean House, 24 Moore-street.

BELMORE.—Cottage and 2 acres of good Land, double front, hall, 4 large rooms, kit., laundry, etc, all in thorough repair, only 8s per week. Apply EKIN and CO., Newtown.

BASEMENT TO LET.
A large, well-lighted Basement, in good repair, thoroughly ventilated and ratproof, size 25ft x 70ft, situated between G.P.O. and King-street. Rent 30s. McDOWELL and HUGHES, 382-4 George-street, near G.P.O.

BURWOOD-ROAD, BURWOOD HEIGHTS.
TO LET, MONTEREY, the late Residence of Dr. Selwyn Harrison, in consequence of removal of his practice to Sydney.
THIS LOVELY COTTAGE VILLA has 8 rooms, kitchen, large garden, stabling, every modern comfort.
LOW RENTAL. Keys at Taloba, Burwood-road, near Appian Way. PIERCY ETHELL and CO., 3 Moore-st.

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TO PRIVATE GENTLEMEN,
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LADY, for college, Mts., able teach if req., gd. pl., cook, housework, 12s; Wk. Housekeeper, 1 gent., city, 10s; Nurse N'woman, Goulburn, 15s; Under-Nurse, sub., 10s; Lady Nurse, 10s; Lady Helps, subs., 10s, 15s; Lithgow 10s, Exeter 7s, mds. kept. Miss LOVEGROVE, 108 Pitt-street. T., 538 City.

MACHINIST wanted for Skirts and Blouses, must be good hand. Sunray, 106 King-st.

MUNICIPALITY OF WEST MAITLAND.

Applications will be received until four (4) o'clock p.m. on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1909, for the Position of SANITARY INSPECTOR for this Municipality.
Applicants MUST possess the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute of Great Britain, and the appointment will be subject to the approval of the Board of Health.
Salary £225 per annum.
CECIL R. HUGHES,
Town Hall, Acting Town Clerk.
1st December, 1909.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY.

VACANCIES IN BLACKSMITH'S SHOP.
Applications are invited for the following Positions in Blacksmith's Shop, Town Yard, Athlone-place:—
(a) FLOORMAN.
(b) APPRENTICE.
Applications to be made on forms, which are obtainable at the Town Hall, Sydney, on personal application, or by post if stamp enclosed, on WEDNESDAY, 8th, and THURSDAY, 9th December, instant, between the hours of 9 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., to be returned, duly filled in, to reach the undersigned not later than 10 o'clock a.m. on FRIDAY, 10th December instant.
THOMAS H. NESBITT,
Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Sydney,
7th December, 1909.

OFFICE Boy wanted, 7s 6d per week to commence. Apply Office, Box 1401, G.P.O.

OPTICIAN wanted. State age, experience, references, and salary required, Optic, Herald Office, King-st.

PLASTERERS, three wanted. Campbell's job, Gilbert Park, Manly.

PAINTERS.—Wanted, good Second-grade MAN. New buildings, Prince Albert-st, Mosman. Smith's job.

PRINTING.—Letterpress FEED BOYS wanted. W. C. Penfold and Co., 183 Pitt-st.

PAINTERS.—Wanted, Brush Hands. Apply 110 Glassop-st, Balmain. 9 o'clock a.m.

PLUMBERS.—Wanted, good general Hands, also Boys used to the trade. Goulburn and Pitt sts.

PAINTERS, 2 good, one take charge. New job, Brooklyn-st, Burwood. J. Packenham.

PAINTER.—1 Second Grade wanted. 34 Milton-st, Ashfield, near Park-avenue.

PLASTERER wanted. Smith's job, opp. Methodist Chapel, Sydney-rd, Auburn.

PLUMBERS.—Wanted, General Hands. Apply early, W. Wenban, 128 Liverpool-rd, Ashfield.

PLUMBER'S MATE, city, good wages. Apply Hittmann's Agency, 61 Elizabeth-st.

PLASTERER. Mrs. Edwards's cottages, Eastern-av., Kensington.

PAPERHANGER.—Smart HAND, piece work if preferred. 86 Queen-st, Woollahra.

PAINTER, second grade. Bay and Cross sts, Double Bay, 8 o'clock.

PIANOFORTE.—IMPROVER wanted, 1st-class bench hand. J. L. Estens, 56 Flinders-st.

PAINTER.—Smart Lad, for painting, little exp., gd. wage; early. Lenehan, Aberdeen, Illaw.-rd, M'vle.

PLASTERER wanted. Apply Gerard-st, Neutral Bay. W. Campbell.

PAINTERS.—Wanted, smart 2nd-grade. D. B. Elphinstone, Orphington-st, Ashfield.

PLUMBER'S IMPROVER wanted, used to roof work. Dettmann, Builder, new jobs, near Arncliffe Stn.

PLUMBER WANTED, Fixing Guttering. 65 Herbert-st, Leichhardt.

PLASTERERS and Improvers wanted, fare paid. McManus and Pratt, Newcastle Post-office.

PEAK DOWNS HOSPITAL, CLERMONT, Q.

Applications are invited from Duly Qualified Medical Men for the Position of RESIDENT SURGEON.
Salary, £300 per annum, with residence and right of private practice. Annual appointment.
Applications Close 11th JANUARY, 1910.
Appointment to date from 15th February, 1910.
W. BACON,
Secretary.

RESPECT. BOY wanted, about 14 yrs., as Office Messenger, leaving school pref. Messenger, Herald.

RESPECTABLE LAD wanted, splendid opportunity to learn a good trade. Apply
F. T. WIMBLE and CO., Ltd.,
87 and 89 Clarence-street.

ROCKHAMPTON HOSPITAL.

A CERTIFICATED SENIOR NURSE, registered with the A.T.N.A., is required for service at this hospital. Salary £52 per annum.
Applications with testimonials will be received to noon of 21st December. Duties to commence 1st January.
ROBT. R. DAWBARN,
Secretary.

SMART JUNIOR wanted for wholesale hosiery. Thos. Collier and Son, 44 King-st.

STRONG LADS wanted. West's Patent Tyre-Setter Co., Ltd., Hay-st.

SMART BOYS wanted for office. 9 a.m., Mr. Peake, Lassetter's.

SIGNWRITER, young, used advertising work preferred. Corelli, 22 Oxford-st.

STRONG YOUTH wanted. D. Hardy and Sons, 277 Cleveland-st, Redfern.

SHORTHAND WRITER and Typist (Male), must be competent bookkeeper, for squatter in country. Good position. Apply STOTT and HOARE, Ltd. (Employment Dept.), Moore-street.

TUTOR, R.C., £60, stn., S. L.; Gov., £40, Eng., piano, violin, stn., intv. 11; etc. 110 Bathurst-st.

TILELAYER.—Wanted, a TILELAYER. 21 Darling-st, Glebe.

TYPIST.—Youth wanted, knowledge Typewriting. State wages req. in own handwriting, 407, Herald.

TO TAILORESSES.—Wanted, 1st-class Vest Hand, constant work, high prices. C. Davis, Co., 218 Pitt-st.

TO TAILORESSES.—Trousers Hand wanted, good pay for good work. 508 Elizabeth-st, Sydney, nr. Clev.-st

TO TAILORS.—Wanted, 1st-class Coat Hand, constant work, highest wages. C. Davis, Co., 218 Pitt-st.

TO TAILORESSES.—Improvers wanted, for Coat, Trousers, and Vest, Ludgater, 118 Oxf.-st, nr. Crown-st

TO TAILORESSES.—Constant billet for a good Trousers Hand. Ferry and Co., Leichhardt.

TO TAILORS.—Wanted, a first-class Man for Alterations and Repairs. Holl's, 285 George-st.

TAILOR and TAILORESS required, for country. Apply 1st floor, 1 Barrack-st, Sydney.

TAILORESSES.—Wanted TROUSERS HANDS, highest wages. J. J. Keneally.

TAILORESSES.—Trous. Machinists, Trous. Finishers, work; Coat Improvers, Apprentices. 423 Kent-st.

TAILORS.—Wanted, Coatmakers, constant work. Mr. Conor, Lassetter's.

TAILORESSES.—Machinists for trousers, Finishers, App., and Improvers. S. Weingott, 174 Sussex-st.

TAILORS.—Machiners and Machinists, for coats; also App. and Improvers. S. Weingott, 174 Sussex-st.

TAILORESSES.—Coat Table Hands, App., and Improvers, constant work. Weingott, 174 Sussex-st.

TAILORS.—We have a Vacancy for a good General HAND. Simcoe, 176 William-st.

TUCKPOINTER wanted. Meet 9 o'clock, Artarmon Station, N. S. line.

TAILORESSES.—First-class Vest Hands (outdoor) wanted. Davidson and Norton, 333A George-st.

TAILORESS.—Wanted, Coat Hand, highest wages, const. work, compt. Bergstrom, 82 Walker-st, N.S.

TAILORS.—Two gd. all-round Hands, for Lithgow; wk. till Easter, piece wk., mid. log. 70 York-st.

TUCKPOINTER wanted. Apply M. Cole, Bay-st, Rockdale.

TAILORESSES.—Trousers Machinist, Coat Table Hands, Improvers, and Apprentices to all branches of the trade.
H. SONENFELD and SONS, 337 Kent-street.

TAILORESSES.—Wanted, smart VEST MACHINISTS. Permanent positions are offered to good workers.
Apply
DAVID JONES, Ltd.,
155 Clarence-street.

TEACHERS' REGISTRY, EQUITABLE-BUILDING.—Experienced Resident Governess, for exam. work in geography, geology (or botany), English, £70; Experienced Resident Governess, good disciplinarian, lower form work, share in house supervision, £60; Resident Resident Governess, senior mathematics, £70; Resident Junior Governess, good music, elementary English, £40; Primary Gov., £40; Dly. Gov., Eng., draw., primy., £40

THIRTY LABOURERS WANTED,
to shovel coal into the Government trucks from the Horse Paddock.
AT 2s PER TON, Government Weight.
Over £1 a day can be easily earned.
Cash paid every day as earned.
MANAGER,
IRONDALE COLLIERY.

UPHOLSTRESS wanted, able to sew loose covers. Edwards and Co., 135 William-st.

VACANCIES.—LIFT BOY, over 16 years, used to electric; PARCELS MESSENGER, about 16 years.
PEAPES, Ltd.,
309-311 George-street.

WANTED, an Office BOY, with knowledge of typewriting. Stewarts and Lloyds, Ltd., 63 Pitt-st.

WANTED, 30 Pick and Shovel Men, Lismore Sewerage, 9s day, g. men. M'Ewen, O'Rourke, Lism.

WANTED, good General BLACKSMITH. Apply, stating wages, to James Meagher, East Moree.

WANTED, Nurse, Gen., and Midwifery, trained, Priv. Hospital, ctry. Apply Edinburgh, Herald Office.

WANTED, smart Junior Bookkeeper. Apply between 1 and 2, Swift Printing Co., Ltd., 5 Jamieson-lane

WANTED, Youth, prev. exp. in rope works necessary. Sydney Rope Works, Woodburn-st, Redfern.

WANTED, young WOMAN, take charge packing floor. Apply 8.30, 155 Oxford-st, Darlinghurst.

WANTED, 2 smart Improvers, Carpenters. State exp. and wages, fare paid. App. Builder, P.O., Ganmain

WANTED, strong, respectable BOY. Apply early, Lichtner and Co., 57 and 59 George-st North.

WANTED, a smart BOY for commercial office. Address 286, Herald Office.

WANTED, Handy Man, one who understands a little abt. painting pref. Carter Paint Co., 60A Sussex-st

WANTED, OFFICE BOY, one just left school preferred. Apply Office, Herald Office, King-st.

WANTED, for c'try school, exp. Graduate and Assistant. Apply Hadleigh School, Goulburn.

WANTED, a smart BOY for large warehouse. Apply Fepos, Herald Office.

WANTED, smart Lad as MESSENGER, must have good refs., 10s to start. Apply Box 1046, G.P.O.

WANTED, a good handy LABOURER, few days. Apply A. Smith, job, Kareela-rd, Cremorne.

WANTED, a BOY. P. Lawrence, 289 George-st.

WANTED, smart Packing and Despatch Clerk. Apply to No. 10, Herald Office.

WANTED, Tailoress, Coatmakers, work with man; also Improvers. D. Braham and Co., 80 King-st.

WANTED, smart YOUTH, one used to working lift. Ellis' Coffee Palace, 50 King-st.

WANTED, PAPERHANGER, labour only. 66 Devonshire-st, city.

WANTED, smart young LADY for the cash desk. Apply 177 and 175 Pitt-st, 10 a.m.

WANTED, 6 ORDERMEN, must be expert. George Hudson and Son, Ltd., Glebe.

WANTED, Man or Lad for S.R. Flour Packing useful. Rockett Mills, 108 Beattie-st, Balmain.

WANTED, Concrete Labourer, for 2 days. Vent Shaft, near Lewisham station.

WTD., a BOY, for the Painting Trade. Apply betw. 6 and 7 p.m., 874 Jones-st, Ultimo.

WANTED, SLATER. Apply after 2 o'clock, 333 Elizabeth-st, city.

POSITIONS VACANT.

WANTED, BOY, to learn trade. James Hall, grocer, Artarmon, opp. railway station.

WANTED, APPRENTICE, also Improver, to Electric Engineering. Apply 591 Goulburn-st.

WANTED, resp. Office BOY, with option learn. engineering, also 2 Fitters. Johns, Clevel.-Regent sts.

WANTED, good CARPENTER. Apply D. Slade, builder, Stanway, Orpington-st, Ashfield.

WANTED, a Brush Hand. Apply early, G. Dobell, painter, 238 Annandale-st, Annandale.

WANTED, a good BOILERMAKER. Apply Henry Vale and Sons, Auburn.

WANTED, LABOURER, pick and shovel work. School, Comer-st, Burwood. J. Denning, builder.

WANTED, BOY, for shop. 59-61 Oxford-st.

WANTED, ROOF TILER. Apply early. Pine-st, Randwick.

WANTED, JUNIOR, for office work, wages 10s per week to start. Company, Oxford-st P.O.

WTD., a gd. Piano Tuner and Repairer, constant employment and good salary. Box 1565, G.P.O.

WTD., Outdoor Workers, Knitting, Crochet. Bring sample Thurs., Miss Mealin, 186 Jersey-rd, Padd'ton

WANTED, smart, strong Lad, to drive builder's cart, used to city. 7.30, 543 Abercrombie-st, Redft.

WANTED, a GIRL, for bottling and labelling. 319 Sussex-st.

WANTED, Quarryman and 2 Labourers. Apply 8 o'clock, quarry, Cascade-st, Paddington.

WANTED, 2 first-grade PAINTERS. After 9 a.m., H. Hollands, builder, Wanda-rd, Mosman.

WANTED, good BRICKLAYER, also 2 good Navvies. S. Sneesby, Nelson-rd, Concord.

WANTED, strong Mason's Labourer, also Labourer to dig trenches. Early, 24 Kippax-st, Surry Hills.

WANTED, a MAN, drive sulky and useful, 30s and keep. Apply about 8 p.m., 624 Bourke-st, S.H.

WTD., resp Boy, for Plumbing, one used to trade preferred. Apply rear 85 William-st.

WANTED, TOBACCO STRIPPERS and CIGARETTE CUTTERS. Apply A. Nimenski, 99 Wm.-st.

WANTED, APPRENTICES. Model Cos. Company, 130 Q. V. M., top floor.

WANTED, smart MILLINER, must have city experience. Miss O'Shannessy, 211 Wm.-st, Darlinghurst.

WTD., in girls' schl., early next year, Lady Help, do cooking (gas st.), asst. in h'work. R. W., G.P.O.

WANTED, WHEELWRIGHT, or good Improver. Ferguson, Blacksmith, Belmore.

WANTED, young Girl, useful and assist in confectionery shop. R. Harley, Percival-rd, Stanmore.

WANTED, an Apprentice to Coachsmithing, at once. T. Scanlon, coachbuilder, 166-168 Cleveland-st, city.

WANTED, smart APPRENTICES, for Blouses. American Mfg. Co., 226 Clarence-st.

WTD., General Nurses, mtns. and ctry., as Matrons. Staff and Visiting Nurses; Probationer; Nurse, with some mental training, for invalid, ctry. Miss MacLachlan's Nurses' Bureau, 336 George-street. Tel., 3800.

WANTED, for progressive country store, a young, competent BOOKKEEPER, conversant with modern methods. Apply, stating age, experience, and salary required, to Box 1223, G.P.O.

WANTED, smart YOUTH, about 16, for large Mercantile Office. Must be respectable and of good appearance. Splendid prospects of advancement. Apply, references, stating, age, etc., PALERMO, Herald.

WANTED, temporarily, a thoroughly competent TYPIST. Apply by letter only,
J. EARLE HERMANN, LTD.,
16 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

WANTED, smart young LADY, accustomed to making up time and dealing with dockets, etc., must be quick at figures. Apply, stating age, to
BOX 72, G.P.O.

WANTED, respectable BOY, for store work, 15s per week.
IMPERIAL MANUFACTURING CO.,
210 Kent-street.

WANTED, refined young Lady for Jewellery Showrooms, tall and intelligent, previous experience not necessary.
Hallmark, Box 258, G.P.O.

WANTED, JUNIOR DRAPER, temporary, for month or six weeks, country store, salary £2 per week. Apply by letter, with copies references.
Box 1817.

WANTED, smart YOUTH, for office. Apply by letter, enclosing copies of references, to
GARRATT'S, Ltd.,
173-5 Elizabeth-street.

WANTED, a respectable BOY, one fresh from school preferred, for our sales room. Apply
D. MITCHELL and CO., Ltd.,
152 Clarence-street, Sydney.

WANTED, experienced YOUTH, one that has served a little time to the trade.
Carter Paint Co.,
60A Sussex-street, Sydney.

WANTED, respect. YOUTH, about 15, as Junior Clerk, wages to commence 10s. Apply by letter to
MANAGER, "Sunday Times,"
136 Castlereagh-street.

WANTED, competent, accurate, and reliable Typiste, for invoicing, etc; good salary to suitable operator. No shorthand.
TYPISTS' EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, 14 Moore-st.

WANTED, ACCOUNTANT, for city firm, preferably young, with experience mines, minerals. State salary and testimonials,
Metals, Herald Office.

WHEELWRIGHT.—Wanted, competent WHEELWRIGHT, constant job, wages 70s per week.
Apply H. J. PADDOCK,
West Wyalong.

WANTED, smart YOUTH, just left school, for Life Assurance Office; salary to commence 10s per week. Apply, own handwriting, to
INSURANCE, Herald Office.

WANTED, JUNIOR CLERK, must be Shorthand writer and Typist, salary £75 per annum. State age, copy references,
J.B., G.P.O.

WANTED, 2 SHOEING FLOORMEN for country shop, good wages. Apply
GRIMLEY, Ltd.,
263 Clarence street, city.

WANTED, 2 WOODMEN for country shop, good wages, permanent job. Apply
GRIMLEY, Ltd.,
263 Clarence street, city.

WANTED,
APPRENTICES and JUNIORS for Ribbons, Laces, and Toy Department.
Mrs. M'CATHIE, Ltd.,
190 Pitt-street.

WANTED, CARETAKER, for the Newtown Methodist Church, King-street, duties to commence on the 1st January, 1910. Married man preferred. Free house and salary. Apply by letter, enclosing copy of references, to
W. HOUSTON,
Edgeware-road, Enmore.
Open until Saturday, 18th inst.

WANTED, an experienced DRAFTSMAN, for a General Engineering Works, must have good practical workshop experience.
Applications to be submitted before 24th December, together with copies of testimonials and particulars of range of both drawing, office, and workshop experience, also stating salary required.
Apply
WALKERS, LIMITED,
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WANTED,
CARPET AND LINOLEUM LAYERS.
FIRST-CLASS MEN ONLY.
Apply
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A TRAVELLER,
to represent us on "Commission" on the Lower and Northern Rivers.
Apply by letter, stating particulars of other commissions held, to
Clothing,
c.o. Beath, Schiess, and Felstead,
75 York-street.

YNG. lady, fresh fr. college, shorthand and typing, progressive sal., starting 5s wk. 305, Herald.

YOUTH, smart, 12s 6d to start, bring references. E. H. Read, Umbrella Manufacturer, 36 York-st.

YOUNG Ladies (4), hospital training, 16s, board and uniform. Simpson Bros., 76 Hunter-st.

YOUTH WANTED, about 16 years, to learn Seat and Body Making. D. Hardy, 277-289 Cleveland-st, Redf.

SERVANTS WANTED.

A RESPECTABLE Man, as generally useful, required, Mount Royal, 75 Macleay-st, Potts Point.

A GIRL, used to children. Fruit Shop, Sydenham-rd, Sydenham.

A USEFUL GIRL, to help with baby, general kept, easy place. 15 Kenilworth-st, off Flood-st, Bondi.

A GIRL for housework, a few hours daily. 14 Ridge-st, Surry Hills.

A COMPT. General wanted, 3 in family. Mrs. W. S. Corner, Althea, Cross-st, Double Bay.

AT Winnora Labour Agency.—Servants of all classes wanted. 17 Otis-chambers, King-st, city.

A YOUNG GENERAL wanted. 634 George-st, near Liverpool-st, city.

A SMART Waitress, used to restaurant, wages 14s. Crystal Dining Rooms, 661 George-st, city.

A.A.—H. MD. Waitress, Houseman, Gen. Useful. 189 Macquarie-st.

A.—L. HELP wanted, no laundry, 12s, refs. Leave tram T.O. Tarnagulla, Carrington-rd, Wav.

AT 93 Pitt-st, Rm. 11.—Ck. Ldss., both., 18s, 20s; L. Nurse, H.H.Md., 16s; Nurse Girl, M'Mahon's Pt.

A SMART m. a. Valet and Houseman, 25s, 2 bachs., must have gd. refs., sub. Gregg's, 72 Enmore-rd.

A.—BARMAID, subs., 20s; H. Md., assist bar, 20s; H. Md., L., 17s 6d, ctry. Israel's, 27 Eliz.-st.

A.—GEN., hotel, 14s; 5 Gens., 12s; 1 Gen., sleep home, 5 Derwent-st, Tel., 570 Glebe.

A SUPERIOR Girl as General, priv. family, sleep at home. 67 Arundel-st, Glebe.

AT Commonwealth Agency, 51 William-st.—Housekeepers, Generals, Housemaids, Cook-L'dresses, etc.

A MAN or LAD, 20s and KEEP, milk and deliver, small dairy, suburbs. Seymour, 156 King-st.

ACTIVE GENERAL, 2 in family. State wages.
Dr. SEXTON,
Tamworth.

A.—LAUNDRESS, 20s; Kitchenmaid, city hotel, 20s; Cook-Lds., 18s; Mother and Daughter, stn.; Married Couple, £80.
WALKER'S, 72 Elizabeth street.

AT MORISON'S, 19 Elizabeth-st.—Mrd. Couple, wife laundress, assist h'work, hsbd. attend kitchen; Mrd. Couple, station, £75, £80; H. and P. Maids, 14s, 15s; Cook (Rivers), 25s; South Coast, 20s; Gen., 14s, 16s; Cook, ironing, 18s; Gen., Barraba, 20s; Lady Help, Mtns.; Houseman, a little gardening; Gen., hotel, city.

AT SIMPSON BROS., 76 Hunter-st. Tel., City 1572. COOK, institution, near Newcastle, 30s. KIT'MAN, sub., 15s; HOUSEMEN (2), sub, city, 15s ea. Cook and Laundress, Boggabri, 20s; H.M.L., Trundle, 20s H'MAIDS (2), Grenfell, Glen Innes, 14s. GENERALS, city hotels (3), 14s; M. Couple, £80.

APPLY AT CARLOS H. SIMMONDS and SONS', LABOUR AGENTS, 188 CASTLEREAGH-ST. Station Hand, milk, kill, groom, £1; 15 Lads, able to milk, 15s, 14s, 12s, for farms and stations; 5 Farm Hands, milkmen, 20s; Boy, learn dairy farming, 7s, N. Coast; Youth, gr., milk, etc, 12s 6d. MARRIED COUPLES WANTED.—Man milk, groom, wife cook, wash, £75, bonus, no object, 1 child; Man cook, wife housemaid, laundress, £80; Man, farm hand, wife cook, wash, £80. FEMALE SERVANTS WANTED.—Lady Help, 12s, c'try, see lady 11; H. M., wait, 15s, 14s, 12s, ctry.

BOYS.—Two wanted, to learn Mixed Farming, good places, fare paid, refs. Sage, 45 Eliz.-st.

BARMAID, city, sub., 30s; Barmaid, ship, con., 25s, Street's, 22 Elizabeth-st.

FUNERALS.

BRENNAN.—The Friends of Mr. MARTIN BRENNAN (late of Hurstville) are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly-loved WIFE, Ellen; to leave her late residence, 280 Nelson-street, Annandale North, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for R. C. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Mortuary.
CROCKETT and COMPANY,
Tel., 207 Pet. Undertakers, Leichhardt.

BRENNAN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. CROWE, Mr. and Mrs. J. LAFFAN, and Mr. and Mrs. P. FITZPATRICK are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly-beloved SISTER, the late Ellen Brennan; to leave 280 Nelson-street, Annandale, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for R. C. Cemetery, Rookwood.

BROWN.—The Friends of Mr. SIMEON BROWN, of Adolph-street, Neutral Bay, Mrs. W. MUNCASTER, Mrs. H. PRESTON, Messrs. CHARLES, SIMEON, Jun., GEORGE, ALBERT, and WALTER BROWN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved WIFE and their affectionate MOTHER, which will take place THIS (Wednesday) MORNING, at 11.30, at Gore Hill Cemetery. Friends, please meet at Cemetery. COFFILL and COMPANY.

BROWN.—The Friends of Mrs. JOHN LIDDELL are invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved SISTER, Mrs. Simeon Brown, TO-DAY, WEDNESDAY, at 11.30, for Gore Hill Cemetery.

BRIGGS.—The Funeral of the late Mr. GEORGE BRIGGS will leave his late residence, St. Margaret's, Miller-street, North Sydney, THIS (Wednesday) MORNING, at 10 o'clock, for Gore Hill Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY.

COOKE.—The Friends of the late Mr. JOHN COOKE are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will leave his late residence, Rose Cottage, Gordon-road, Turramurra, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Field of Mars.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors,
Sydney and Suburbs. Tel., 726, etc.

COOKE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN COOKE, Jun., and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER and GRANDFATHER, Mr. John Cooke, which will leave his late residence, Rose Cottage, Gordon-road, Turramurra, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for R.C. Cem., Field of Mars.

COOKE.—The Friends of Miss THERESA and Mr. GEORGE COOKE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Mr. John Cooke, which will leave his late residence, Rose Cottage, Gordon-road, Turramurra, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Field of Mars.

COOKE.—The Friends of Mrs. FRANK JOHNS and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER and GRANDFATHER, Mr. John Cooke, which will leave his late residence, Rose Cottage, Gordon-road, Turramurra, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Field of Mars.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.

CHARTERS.—The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. CAROLINE CHARTERS, of Devonshire-street, city, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved SON, Sidney, which will move from Wood and Company's Mortuary Chapel, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors,
Sydney and Suburbs. Tel., 726, etc.

CHARTERS.—The Friends of WILLIAM and MARGARET CHARTERS, of Paddington, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved NEPHEW, Sidney Charters, which will leave Wood and Company's Mortuary Chapel, 810-12 George-street, city, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30 o'cl., for Waverley Cem.

GUTHRIE.—The Relatives and Friends of the late Mrs. JANE GUTHRIE are kindly invited to attend her Funeral, which will move from 76 Glebe-road, Glebe, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors,
Sydney and Suburbs. Tel., 726, etc.

HART.—The Friends of the late Mr. JAMES HART are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will leave our Funeral Parlours, 66 Miller-street, North Sydney, THIS (Wednesday) MORNING, at 9.30 o'clock, for the Church of England Cemetery, Gore Hill.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors,
Sydney and Suburbs. Tel., 726, etc.

HIRST.—The Funeral of the late Mr. FRANK HIRST will take place at Rookwood THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON. Train leaves Mortuary Station at 2.20.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Funeral Directors,
183 Alfred-street, North Sydney.

JONES.—The Funeral of the late Mr. RICHARD JONES will move from the Sydney Hospital THIS WEDNESDAY, at 2 o'clock, for interment at Long Bay Cemetery, arriving there at 3.15 p.m.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Ltd.,
Undertakers,
7 Elizabeth-st.; and Oxford-street, Paddington.

LEWIS.—The Friends of Mr. RICHARD LEWIS and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly-beloved WIFE and MOTHER; to leave 112 Ebswick-street, Leichhardt, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for the Necropolis, via Petersham station.
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NESTER.—The Friends of the deceased Mrs. MARGARET NESTER are kindly invited to attend her Funeral, to move from her residence, 166 Oxford-street, Paddington, THIS WEDNESDAY, at 2.45 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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O'BRIEN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. TERENCE O'BRIEN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly-beloved DAUGHTER, Margaret Mary; to move from her grandparents' residence, 15 Short-street, Surry Hills, THIS WEDNESDAY, at 2.30, for the Waverley Cemetery.
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O'BRIEN.—The Friends of MICHAEL FITZPATRICK and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his Sister's Child, MARGARET O'BRIEN; to leave 15 Short-street, Surry Hills.

O'BRIEN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES FITZPATRICK are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved GRANDDAUGHTER, Margaret Mary O'Brien; to leave 15 Short-street, Surry Hills, THIS WEDNESDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Ltd., Undertakers.

PEARCE.—The Friends of the late Mr. ALFRED GEORGE PEARCE are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, 22 Little Arthur-street, North Sydney, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Gore Hill Cemetery.
W. BRUCE, Undertaker.

PEARCE.—The Friends of EMILY PEARCE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly beloved FATHER, Alfred G. Pearce; to leave his late residence, 22 Little Arthur-street, North Sydney, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Gore Hill Cemetery. W. BRUCE, Undertaker.

PEARCE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM, Mr. and Mrs. FREDERICK, Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR, ALBERT, and ROBERT PEARCE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved BROTHER, Alfred G. Pearce; to leave his late residence, 22 Little Arthur-street, North Sydney, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Gore Hill Cemetery. W. BRUCE, Undertaker.

PEARCE.—The Friends of Mrs. DINAH FRAZER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved FRIEND, Alfred G. Pearce; to leave his late residence, 22 Little Arthur-street, North Sydney, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Gore Hill Cemetery.
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PEARCE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. SHEPPARD are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved UNCLE; to leave his late residence, 22 Little Arthur-street, North Sydney, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Gore Hill Cemetery.
W. BRUCE, Undertaker.

PEMELL.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. JAMES E. PEMELL will leave her late residence, Helenie, Church-street, Randwick, for Long Bay Cemetery, at 10 a.m. THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 8th inst. A short Service will be held at the house at 9.45 a.m. All friends who wish to attend are invited.

REYNOLDS.—The Friends of the late FRANCIS WILLIAM REYNOLDS are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to leave our Funeral Parlours, 61 Oxford-street (foot of Barracks), Paddington, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for Rookwood R.C. Cemetery.
CHAS. KINSELA,
Funeral Director,
Head Office: 116 Oxford-street, city.

REYNOLDS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. OSCAR McELVENEY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved BROTHER, Francis William Reynolds; to leave our Funeral Parlours, 61 Oxford-st., Paddington, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for Rookwood R.C. Cemetery. CHAS. KINSELA.

REYNOLDS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. SPENCER HINTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved BROTHER, Francis William Reynolds; to leave our Funeral Parlours, 61 Oxford-street, Paddington, THIS WEDNESDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for Rookwood R.C. Cemetery. CHAS. KINSELA.

REYNOLDS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. NUGENT J. REYNOLDS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved BROTHER, Francis William Reynolds; to leave our Funeral Parlours, 61 Oxford-st., Paddington, THIS WEDNESDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for Rookwood R.C. Cemetery. CHAS. KINSELA.

Y.M.C.A. COMRADES of Mr. F. REYNOLDS are invited to attend Funeral to Mortuary Station. Funeral will leave Kinsela and Co.'s Parlour (next Barracks), TO-DAY, at 1.15 p.m. Memorial Service at Y.M.C.A. at 7.45 p.m.

REGAN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. MATTHEW REGAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly-loved SON, John Francis; to leave Sacred Heart Hospice, Darlinghurst, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for the Necropolis.
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SAYERS.—The Funeral of the late EDWIN MAWNEY SAYERS will leave his late residence, Melrose, Mosman, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, arriving at St. Thomas's Cemetery, North Sydney, at 4 p.m.
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SMITH.—The Friends of Mr. GEORGE FRANKLIN SMITH are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved WIFE, which will leave his residence, Ormuz, Kendall-street, Woollahra, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood.
JOSEPH MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

SMITH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN GIBB are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER, Mrs. Annie E. Smith, which will leave her late residence, Ormuz, Kendall-street, Woollahra, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood.

SMITH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST J. GIBB, Mr. and Mrs. SIDNEY C. GIBB, Mr. WILLIAM G. GIBB, and Mr. and Mrs. SHAW, also of the Misses MAY and ALICE GIBB, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SISTER, Mrs. Annie E. Smith, which will leave her late residence, Ormuz, Kendall-street, Woollahra, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood.

SMITH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN E. SMITH, Mr. and Mrs. ALEXANDER SMITH, Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR SMITH, and Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT J. SMITH, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Annie E. Smith, which will leave her late residence, Ormuz, Kendall-street, Woollahra, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood.

MASONIC.—The MEMBERS of Lodge Paddington Ionic, No. 181, and sister lodges, are requested to attend the Funeral of the dearly loved WIFE of our Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. G. F. SMITH. Funeral will leave her late residence, Ormuz, Kendall-street, Woollahra, at 12.30 p.m., TO-DAY; thence Funeral train to Rookwood; leaving Mortuary Station at 2.30 p.m.
J. TURKINGTON, P.M., Hon. Secretary.

WARD.—The Funeral of the late ROBERT EDWARD WARD will leave his late residence, Glen Isla, Cook-street, Randwick, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Canterbury.
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LOST, pr. rimless Pince-nez, bet. Royal Arcade and Circ. Quay; rew. Inquiry Clerk, David Jones, Ltd.

LOST, Sat., bet. Pitt-st and Ultimo, carter's Delivery Book, Brewers' Bottle Assn. Ret. 394 Harris-st.

LOST, bet. Bot. Gardens and Quay, Gold Cross, set with pearls and rubies; rew. 390 Jones-st, Ultimo.

LOST, Gold Brooch. Finder please return to Miss Harrie, 1 Sydney Arcade, George-st entrance.

LOST, Fox Terrier PUPPY, 7 weeks old; reward. 93 Campbell-st, Glebe.

LOST, Baby's Sil. Comforter, Chain and Pin att., k'sake fr. deceased rel. Rew., 75 George-st North.

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LOST, fr. 114 Mitchell-st, Glebe, Tues. last, Irish Terrier Dog. Rew. for information. Detainer prosec.

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LOST, Bunch of Keys (4) on ring, between Ash-st and Newtown. Reward. Milton Hotel, Newtown.

LOST, betw. P'sham, L'hardt, Gold Bar Brooch, dia. centre. Searlora, 43 Tebbutt-st, L'hardt. Reward.

LOST, Coogee, a long Fox Skin Fur. Reward, Greystead, Abbott-st, Coogee, opp. Miley's.

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